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The Annual Spring Concert

The Band gave its annual spring concert in Faneuil Hall on Sunday afternoon, May 6, before which was without doubt the largest and most enthusiastic audience which has attended these annual concerts. Although composed principally of friends and relatives of the undergraduates at the school, there were a large number of graduates, former instructors and former students present. There were also present many skilled musicians, whose congratulatory remarks to the boys are a real helpful influence, and are very much appreciated.

It was our privilege to have our alumnus, and former director of the band, Howard B. Ellis, '99, with us. He was invited to conduct the band in a spirited march, which he did in his old-time vigor. To those who played under Mr. Ellis' baton, and there were many "old-timers" present, this was one of the highlights of the concert. Mr. Ellis spoke briefly, complimenting the boys on their splendid appearance and musical ability.

However, it was to our bandmaster, Lieut. Frank L. Warren, that the success of the concert can be directly attributed. Lieut. Warren has been teaching our boys for twenty-two years, and each successive year produces a group of which we are always proud. He planned a program of diversified selections, all of which were

received with sustained applause.

The music played included an opera selection, an overture, four solos, four marching songs, seven marches and two novelties.

The work of the soloists was of a high caliber and the boys are to be complimented on their fine musicianship. Four of the boys played major instrumental solos, while others had solo parts as called for in the various selections. The poise and self-confidence shown by the boys was fully appreciated by the audience, and in every instance the work of each soloist was greeted by warm and sincere applause.

No concert by the Band would be complete without some novelty numbers. "MacNamara's Band", an encore, was well received. "Hail to the Engineers", one of the best of the war songs, and as yet unpublished, was a program highlight. A comedy piece, "Put and Take" was also very much enjoyed. "The Farm and Trades School Has a Band", programmed because of many requests, was extremely well done and thoroughly enjoyed.

All in all, the concert was a great success and the boys in the 1945 Band may feel happy and proud that once again they have upheld the tradition that their band was the "best ever". It certainly is!

The complete program for the concert follows, as well as the roster of the Band.

PROGRAM		ROSTER OF THE BAND	
MARCH—Aline	<i>Fillmore</i>	Mr. Frank L. Warren, Conductor Mr. Clifton E. Albee, Assistant	
OVERTURE—Atilla	<i>Karoly</i>	Clarinets	Trombones
CLARINET SOLO—David Polka	<i>Albee</i>	George H. Bruce	Henry J. Porter
Bruce E. Haeger		Richard E. Duquet	Richard L. Eastman
CORNET SOLO—My Buddy	<i>Klefman</i>	Bruce E. Haeger	William R. Bunting
Frank N. Babick		William Hosmer	Ralph S. Gale
TROMBONE SOLO—Jennie Polka	<i>Webb</i>	Darwin C. Baird	Robert I. Sleeper
Henry J. Porter		Harold W. Kew	
CORNET SOLO—Tramp Tramp Tramp		Kenneth W. Duquet	
Chester C. McLeod		Leslie L. Goddard	
MARCH—Pivot Man	<i>Hayes</i>	Cornets	Basses
SELECTION—Sullivan's Opera Gems		Chester C. McLeod	Berton E. Cadorath
NOVELTY—		Frank N. Babick	Edward W. Finn
Farm and Trades School Has a Band		Burleigh M. Pratt	Richard G. Morrill
PATROL—		Harold D. Lowery	Drums
There's Something About a Soldier		J. Sheridan Higgins	Paul W. Horton
COMIQUE—Put and Take	<i>Hayes</i>	Preston A. Gilmore	Robert W. Smith
MARCH—High Tower	<i>Selected</i>	D. Peter Finnegan	Bertil R. Holmberg
Star Spangled Banner		Paul D. Keith	William H. Manson
ENCORES		Robert B. Morrill	
The Caissons Go Rolling Along		J. Lowell Keith	Alto
Military Escort		Richard E. McPhee	Stephen J. Zevitas
MacNamara's Band		Robert A. Patterson	Thornton B. Lauriat
Hail to the Engineers		William D. Leonard	Maurice E. McAllister
The F. T. S. Band March		Baritone	Lawrence F. Finn
The Marine's Hymn		Donald J. DeWolf	
Officer of the Day March			
Adalid March			
National Emblem March			
Choral: Softly Now the Light of Day			

The Vermont Sugar Party

Fifteen of the boys were invited by The Vermont Association of Boston to act as waiters at the Annual Sugar Party, given by the Association on April 26. We left the Island after supper, and arrived at the Hotel Vendome at about 7:30. There was a room assigned to us, where we met some of those who were in charge of the party. We were given instructions, and soon went to work.

Our first job was to fill 125 small pans with snow. It took about fifteen minutes to do this, and then we carried the pans to the dining room and put them on the table. Then we helped put the other food on. Soon the guests came in and the party started.

Because all the food was on the tables, there wasn't very much for us to do.

Whatever was needed we got, either from the kitchen, or from the head waiter.



Maple syrup on snow—O Boy!

After the guests had finished we helped the hotel waiters clear the tables. Then we had a party of our own. Two tables had been saved for us, and we didn't take long to get the boiling syrup on snow. Besides the maple syrup there were sandwiches, doughnuts, cider, pickles and other food. That experience of sitting at the hotel tables and eating such delicious food will always be a very happy memory.

Dancing began about as soon as we had finished. Some of the boys danced, but most of us gathered around the orchestra, because our good friend, Mr. George L. Stone was playing drums with the orchestra, and we enjoyed watching and listening to him play.

When it got to be near eleven o'clock we left the party, and arrived at City Point

at about 11:30. We had a wonderful time, and wish to thank the members of The Vermont Association of Boston for giving us such a good time.

Frank N. Babick

A Historic Occasion

On April 28 a radio report was heard all over the nation saying that the war in Europe had come to an end. This report was denied, and for the next few days there were many conflicting statements made. All of us at the school were very much interested, and kept a watchful eye on the newspapers, and listened to the radio reports as each day went by.

On Monday, May 7, a great many dispatches were heard telling that the war was over in Europe. Still, officially there was no statement made. But later in the day it was announced that a proclamation would be made by our President at 9:00 A. M. on May 8.

On Tuesday, May 8, all classes were suspended from 9:00 until 10:00 A. M. and we all assembled in Chapel, so that we could hear the Proclamation. At nine o'clock promptly the announcer at Washington said: "Ladies and Gentlemen, the President of the United States." President Truman then announced that the war in Europe had come to an end, and wished to read his Proclamation. Two things stood out in the President's speech. One was that it was too bad that our late leader, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, could not be a part of the occasion. The other was that the goal ahead was the terrible war with Japan, and we must not slacken our effort in the slightest. "Work, Work and more Work", he said, must be our watchword until victory is ours.

Following our President we heard the Prime Minister Winston Churchill speak. He proclaimed V-E day through-

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The most exciting news at our school, always, quite naturally is about our boys, and our boys range in ages from the youngest ten-year-old who lives in this community to the oldest graduate who is doing a right job in another community.

We are thrilled with the front cover picture in colors in the April issue of "Telephone Topics," the outstanding magazine of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and Connecting Companies. Here is portrayed one of our graduates, Alfred W. Jacobs '10, obviously a leader in his profession, at the telephone test board.

"Telephone Topics" says:

"THE COVER . . . Like a doctor always on the job diagnosing troubles, determining their causes, and taking steps to repair damage is the local test deskman. Around him revolve the establishment and maintenance of service and the tough job of trouble clearing from the initial report to the restoration of normal service. It is part of his job to make routine tests to detect and clear interruptions. His work requires judgement trained by schooling and experience and a knowledge of all types of plant and circuit operation.

"Representative of these men who keep strict vigilance over the many circuits used by the armed forces and other government agencies is the man on our Kodachrome cover-Alfred William Jacobs who joined our Company in October, 1910, and has been a testman in Quincy since 1924. "Topics" adds its congratulations to the many these men have received for work well done."

Topics in Brief

As this is being written, on April 20, we must say that the Island presents a lovely picture. In fact, many have said that never before has the Island looked so beautiful. An early spring, with ideal weather, has given us opportunity to assist nature in her work, and we have made the most of it.

The Sophomore Class presented a very timely and interesting program at Assembly on April 23. It was an adaptation from a radio play, "Talk Their Language", which appeared in a recent issue of the Scholastic magazine. The story concerned the returned servicemen, and gave practical and valuable advice on how to meet the problems which both our returned heroes and the general public must face. Musical selections completed the program.

The sixth graders gave a program at the Assembly on April 30. It was in nature humorous, and there were many interesting recitations and musical selections given.

Kenneth W. Duquet, one of our eighth graders, had the honor and distinction of winning a prize of one dollar in war stamps in a contest sponsored by the magazine "Open Road for Boys". Congratulations! This contest was national in scope and those who won prizes were notified by letter, and by having their names printed in the magazine.

The principal recreation of the boys during the month was softball. This very popular game was played, in organized competition, by nearly all of the boys. Each of the six league teams played two games each week, and the schedule will not be completed until the close of the

school year early in June. Meanwhile the grand American game, baseball, has not been neglected and our diamond was ready for play on April 14. Towards the close of the softball competition attention will be turned to baseball and our summer schedule of games in this sport will be made up.

The boys have been hard at work on their individual flower gardens, and for the most part the garden plots have been seeded. During the summer, visitors enjoy lingering at this area, and it is one of the show places of the School. The gardens, cared for entirely by the boys, give each of the students an opportunity to express his individual desires in horticulture, and the results are both interesting and gratifying.

A volleyball court is being built on the eastern side of our softball field. We plan to make a great deal of this sport, which ought to be fully as popular as any outdoor team game.

Patriot's Day was observed as a full holiday, in memory of Paul Revere, William Dawes and the other local leaders whose great deeds wrote a glorious chapter in American history. The principal part of our celebration was the playing of three ball games, in which more than seventy of our boys took part. In the evening a fine motion picture entertainment was held. A picnic type supper was served in our dining room. This was the first holiday since Washington's birthday, and was thoroughly enjoyed.

On April 26, 15 boys had the pleasure of attending the Annual Sugar Party, held by the Vermont Association of Boston. It took place in the Hotel Vendome, and our boys helped by waiting on table.

The annual marble tournaments are being played, and has offered an interesting diversion for many of the boys. The marble court has been busy all spring with contests, both tournaments and otherwise. We will be able to announce in the next issue, the 1945 champions in this sport, for by that time the senior and junior tournaments will have been completed.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, April 1855

As kept by the Superintendent

3. Went to the city via Dorchester.

16. Alexr. E. Hewes left to live with W. B. Frothingham, a farmer in Lexington.

23. Augusta returned to her school in W. Cambridge.

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out Britian, and then gave assurance that all the resources of the British Empire would be used in the war against Japan.

After listening to these speeches we saluted the Flag and sang a few hymns. Then one of the boys recited the "American's Creed" and we were dismissed.

I'm sure that not one of us will ever forget the circumstances under which we heard the Proclamation of the end of the war with Germany. It was a very impressive Assembly.

Bruce E. Haeger

The eighth graders gave an unusual and informative program at Assembly on May 7. Several of the class members discussed the historical highlights of the principal islands in Boston Harbor and brought to our attention many unknown facts. The material for the program was secured from the book "The Islands of Boston Harbor", one of the many fine volumes written by our good friend Edward Rowe Snow, noted Boston Harbor historian.

The Jester's Comments

Sometimes it is fun to imagine what F. T. S. would be like if certain changes were made. Suppose we had breakfast an hour earlier? This would please Georgie Bruce! Suppose we had breakfast an hour later, and served in bed? This would please too many to mention! What would Dormitory C be like if Harold Lowery stopped rolling marbles down the corridors? Dormitory B be like without "Knockout" Strachan? Or Dormitory A without "Bruiser" Lauriat? And to go further:

What Would F. T. S. be Like

If Henry were Janitor instead of Porter?

If William were Peacocks instead of Robbins?

If Lawrence were Rifle instead of Cannon?

If Lawrence were Tail instead of Finn?

If Theodore were Ballfield instead of Warfield?

If Wiley were Parson instead of Bishop?

If Robert were Smooth instead of Crease?

If Richard were Northman instead of Eastman?

If Arthur were Roots instead of Powers?

If John were Priceless instead of Preiss?

If Donald were Aluminum instead of Wood?

If Nelson were Smiley instead of Stearns?

If Ralph were Calm instead of Gale?

If Vaughn were Worst instead of Best?

If Paul were Window instead of Doerr?

If George were Locks instead of Keyes?

News of the Service Men of The Farm and Trades School

We like to have you graduates in the armed forces consider the BEACON as a letter from home. We are glad to send it, for we know it is appreciated. This page is reserved especially for you. Please advise us of changes in rank, address, and news of yourselves.

ELVIN C. BEAN, M 2-c, has written a rather interesting letter of life aboard a large warship, on duty in the Pacific. In his letter a description of Christmas aboard ship is interesting. On Christmas Eve special church services were held for all faiths. In the morning everyone had general work to do. At noon a grand dinner was served, with all the holiday fixings, and then Santa Claus made an appearance, and distributed gifts to all. There were also special entertainment skits given after this. At five o'clock a special holiday band concert was enjoyed, and the day ended with a good movie.

EUGENE S. EMERSON, '39, who is in the U. S. Navy, has written us and we were glad to hear from him, as we are all our service-men. He is on a destroyer escort, and when the letter was written he was on the Atlantic.

WILLIAM W. FISH, B. M. 2-c, '34 was reported as missing, we are informed by his mother, Mrs. Daisy F. Fish, 59 Alden Street, Whitman, Mass. Mrs. Fish received this word by a telegram from Washington on April 14. All of us extend sympathy to Mrs. Fish, and we trust that good news of her boy will soon arrive.

JOHN PATTERSON, '43, is in the U. S. Army and is stationed at a Florida camp. He writes that Florida is the land of sunshine; that army food is very good, just like that of F. T. S.; and the men live in wooden huts, five or six men in a hut.

JAMES F. ST. COEUR, Sic R M, '42, has written a newsy letter telling us something of his activities and bringing us up-to-date on his address. He has met several of our graduates and just recently he and Russell L. Letson, '40, met and had a good visit talking over old times at F. T. S.

CPL. WALTER H. CURTIS, '22, is at a Texas Camp and writes to express his appreciation for the Christmas package sent by the School. The package, he adds, followed him overseas on the third army front and then was returned to the U. S. A., where it finally caught up with him at his Texas base.

SGT. ROGER L. HOLTON, '30, writes from Belgium, where he is with an anti-aircraft artillery outfit. He had just received some late copies of the Beacon, and wrote to tell us how much he enjoyed reading them. We thank him for enclosing a copy of a poem, "War Dawn", which he has recently written.

PVT. CHARLES H. GRANT, '40, is in training at a Maryland camp, and has written a letter to us expressing thanks for correspondence from the school. He sends greetings to everyone.

PVT. FRANKLIN S. HARRIS, '41, sends greetings to everyone at F. T. S., from a Georgia camp where he is in training.

PFC. BENJAMIN F. MIDDLETON, '32, is training at a camp in sunny California, prior to leaving for duty overseas.

Sgt. WESTON O. PAGE, '38, has been given duty at a Massachusetts base, after having served 27 months in the Aleutians.

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FRANK J. DOW, '30, who is a paratrooper, has written from "Somewhere in Belgium". The weather is akin to that of New England, he says. He was in Holland for some little time and saw much of interest there.

RALPH E. PACE, S 2-c, a former pupil, writes occasionally to keep us informed as to his whereabouts. He is aboard one of the large luxury liners of peace time memories, and is on duty on the Pacific. He sends regards to all.

Pvt. RAYMOND M. BEAN, '38, was honored at a dinner party held at his home in East Braintree recently. Private Bean was on a weekend leave from Camp Devens, where he was sent upon his induction into the army on Feb. 20. He has since been transferred to another base for basic training. The dinner party was attended by his family and a host of friends, and he received many gifts. The newspaper account included a fine picture of his two lovely children, Marion Louise, eight months old and Francis Lewis, three and a half years old.

VINCENT D. WOODMAN, C. M. 2-c, '33, has enjoyed a furlough, after having been in the Pacific area for some time. His unit has had replacements made, been given further training, and is probably now back in action.

LIEUT. HUDSON D. BRENNER, '37, has had an opportunity to visit many French and Belgium towns, among them being Brussels, Rouen, and Paris. He

wrote that he is now in Germany, and he is probably on the way to Berlin. He adds that the weather in Germany is wonderful, "but I wish I were in Boston." May his hopes be realized very soon.

The "Quincy Patriot Ledger" recently had a fine picture of Ralph Milliken Fuller, '31, with the announcement that he had been promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and gave the following account:

"Sergeant Fuller, and his wife, the former Gladys E. Forsythe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Major W. Forsythe of 30 Graham Street, Quincy, were recently in Quincy during the Sergeant's furlough from a Texas camp, where he has been stationed since his return from the South Pacific. Mrs. Fuller left the employ of the selective service state headquarters to join her husband in Texas, where the couple has been residing since September, 1943.

"The sergeant received his promotion after completing an advance army administration course. He is the holder of the Combat Infantryman badge, the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with two stars, the pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon and the Good Conduct ribbon."

SGT. THOMAS E. KILLEEN, '34, writes from somewhere in France. He arrived in France around July 20th, after as he says, "spending several days tossing around the ditch in an LCI." He has seen many interesting places, and greatly enjoyed a trip to Paris. He appreciates the school paper, especially the notes about the graduates in the armed forces.



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Memorial Sunday Exercises

Memorial Sunday exercises were held at our little cemetery, at the southern end of the island, on Sunday, May 27. These services are held every year on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day.

Preparations for the service took about three weeks. During this time many of the boys were learning and rehearsing pieces which they were to speak. One of our teachers was in charge of the program and she saw that all those taking part were well prepared.

After breakfast on the day of the exercises, a few of the boys went to the cemetery to see that everything was in readiness there. Another group made up bouquets of flowers to put on the graves.

Shortly before ten o'clock we left the dormitories and soon were gathered at the cemetery. William O. Robbins was announcer of the program and soon the exercises were begun. The services lasted about an hour.

The program follows:

PROGRAM

HYMN America the Beautiful
School

INVOCATION
Mr. Niles

FLAG SALUTE
Henry J. Porter, Leader

HYMN Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean
School

READING Memorial Day
Robert B. Strachan

SELECTION God of Our Fathers
Brass Quintet

RECITATION Men of Bataan
Donald G. Jonah

PATRIOTIC EXERCISE

George E. Hotton Richard G. Parlin
Charles E. Hotton James L. Angelos
Edward L. Melvin Leslie T. Gilmore

SELECTION
Brass Quintet

HYMN How Gentle God's Command
School

RECITATION Crosses
D. Peter Finnegan

REMARKS
Mr. Meacham

HISTORY OF GRAVES
William O. Robbins

DECORATION OF GRAVES
TAPS

Robert W. Smith Chester C. McLeod
Frank N. Babick Burleigh M. Pratt

HYMN Nearer My God to Thee
School

Members of the Brass Quintet:

Chester C. McLeod, Jr. First Cornet
Frank N. Babick, Second Cornet
Burleigh M. Pratt, Third Cornet
Henry J. Porter, Jr. Trombone
Donald J. DeWolf, Baritone

In its beautiful outdoor setting this memorial service was very impressive. We appreciate the work and effort of those who made it possible.

Frank N. Babick

A Band Trip

On Tuesday, May 22, our Band had a pleasant trip to Central Wharf, in Boston, to play for visitors as they toured a training ship of the U. S. Maritime Service. We left the Island directly after dinner and soon boarded a large army bus, which was provided for our private use. After a short trip up by the Army Base to South Station and Atlantic Avenue, we arrived at our destination.

It didn't take us long to get our equipment set up on the bandstand, which was very gaily decorated. We played two marches, for already many people had begun to inspect the training ship. Then we stopped playing for about twenty minutes, while hundreds of cadets from the Maritime training schools paraded. They were led by the Boston Port of Embarkation Band, which is a very fine band. We enjoyed hearing these men play several Sousa marches.

Following the parade we began our concert again, and by this time many parents and friends of the boys had arrived, and they took seats near the bandstand. We played for an hour, and then we were dismissed to go with our parents. We enjoyed inspecting the training ship, and were escorted through all parts of the vessel.

At about four o'clock we got back on the bus and were just about to start for

City Point when one of the men in charge of the program asked for a bugler. Chester C. McLeod went with him, and on the deck of the boat facing the Atlantic he played Taps in memory of those who had lost their lives in the Maritime Service. This was short, but a beautiful and an impressive service.

Following this ceremony we left for City Point and arrived there shortly before five o'clock. Soon after this we boarded the Pilgrim III and were back at the school in plenty of time for supper.

I'm sure that everyone had an interesting time on this excursion and we hope to be invited again next year on Maritime Day.

Bruce E. Haeger

The Graduating Class Banquet

On May 8 the members of the Class of 1945 held a banquet. This is one of the traditional events given by the graduating class each year. Those in attendance included Mr. and Mrs. Meacham, the instructors, members of the class and members of the Class of 1946.

We gathered in the entrance hall of Bowditch, and at 7:30 we entered the dining room, which was set in festive style. The menu included steak, potatoes, peas, fruit punch, coffee, ice cream, cake and candy.

After we had finished eating, William Robbins, the toastmaster, began introducing the speakers. The first speaker was our headmaster, Mr. Meacham, who expressed delight at the success of the party and told a little of future plans for the school. Then Frank Babick, the class president spoke, and he told of the gratitude which the class had to those who had helped the class in preparing the menu and helping with other parts of the program. Richard Duquet, president of the Class of 1946, also said a few words

thanking the graduating class for the privilege of being present at such a fine dinner. Mr. Albee followed with a few stories and anecdotes.

During the course of the dinner there was singing by those assembled, some of it accompanied by Chester McLeod and Frank Babick, with their trumpets. Many of the school songs were enjoyed.

Everyone had a fine time at the banquet, and it will be long remembered as a happy occasion by those who were there, and naturally most of all by the members of the graduating class.

An Interesting Assembly Program

On Monday evening May 7, the A Division of the eighth grade presented a program about the islands of Boston Harbor. The first topic was about a small island named Nix's Mate, which was given by Berton Cadorath. This island had a lot to do with pirates, and he told us some of the outstanding pirate stories. This island has been washed away, and is now very small.

William Bunting was next on the program and he gave the story of Rainsford Island. This island has been used for several purposes, and once there was a boys' reform school there. Now it isn't used for much of anything, and most of the buildings have been destroyed by fire.

Third on the program was an account of Spectacle Island, given by David Morrissey. This island is next to ours, and for this reason was very interesting to the boys. It is now used for a rendering and disposal plant.

Stephen Zevitas next told about Deer Island. This island lies at the entrance to the inner harbor, and all ships must pass it as they come from the outer harbor. There is now a prison and Naval Station located there. A few years ago a storm

caused Shirley Gut to be filled, and it is now possible to go to this island from Winthrop.

Long Island is a big island and is used by the City of Boston as the home of a very fine hospital.

Robert Crease then told of our own island, Thompson's. Much of the early history of our island was not wholly familiar to many of the boys, and for this reason we enjoyed the story of David Thompson, the Indians and the early days of our school.

Harold Lowery told the later history of Thompson's Island, and some of the more important facts about The Farm and Trades School.

To conclude the program everyone joined in singing one of our school songs.

Wiley L. Bishop

The Jester's Comments

—David Morrissey was quite disturbed the other day when he misplaced his first baseman's glove. It was out of his immediate possession for about ten minutes. This glove has attracted more attention here than Bobby Strachan's buzz bombs. Resembling an ancient Grecian basket, the mit is generously adorned with a vast expanse of lacing and webbing. With Dave in control, errorless ball is the rule. But it seems, the glove more often controls Dave, as the dining room people are still fathoming ways and means of separating the two when mealtimes come.

—Will wonders ever cease? The boys in C Dormitory have been amazed at the late riser Bobby Crease's sudden reversal of form. Bobby has recently been made a monitor, and so far has been out of bed on the dot, and has seen that his boys are also. Yet all winter he has had to be practically rolled out of bed at the last minute. This unbelievable change even amazes Paul Horton.

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An occasional inventory can serve as a measure of progress and a yardstick for further development. An outline of progress for a period also reminds old friends and new that there is nothing static in an organization which moves in accord with the best in modern knowledge or is a pioneer in substantial new developments such as our school has been through the decades.

This school, since its inception in 1814, and especially since its establishment on Thompson's Island in 1833, has been noted for its continuous progress. The accompanying list of advance covers only the period since the present Headmaster came to the School in the latter part of the year 1926.

It is impossible in a short outline to evaluate progress in the total education and training of boys. Improvements in personnel and facilities guarantee greater achievements in the development of the boys.

The publicity produced by continuous printed material, scores of appearances of groups and individuals and the generous space given the School in the papers and several national magazines all tend definitely toward informing the public of the type of service to youth provided here. The best recommendation of the School's value to the community and to the Country is the quality of our great body of superior citizens who are alumni of the School.

In the accompanying list on the following page wherever the words built, begun, installed, started, accredited, certified, first, new, increased, raised, added, developed, established, are used, the improvements indicated continue to be in use and constitute important steps in the further progress of the School. You lads in Service will greet this reminder of your boyhood days as another letter from home.

F. T. S. Items of Major Importance 1926-45

- 1926 Diet modernized.
Staff began eating with boys.
- 1927 Modern cow barn built.
Registered Guernsey herd started.
Band entered New Eng. contest.
- 1928 Publicity program developed.
Staff qualifications raised.
Farm production increased.
Vegetable canning increased.
- 1929 Electric cable installed.
New A. C. motors installed.
Frigidaire system installed.
Band 1st prize Mass. and N. E. contests.
- New pressure boiler for laundry.
New 600-hen poultry house built.
New hatchery-brooder built.
Guernsey herd accredited.
- 1930 New laying flock started.
I. Q. testing program started.
Band first prize field drill, N. E.
Staff increased.
Heating system in Farm House.
New scow built.
- 1931 2,650-egg incubator installed.
First Red Cross swimming classes.
- 1932 Guernsey A. R. tests started.
Fruit orchard re-planted.
Band 1st prize, Class C, Mass.
- 1933 Centennial on Thompson's Island.
Guernsey herd certified.
- 1934 Boat Pilgrim III built.
Electric line to Farm House.
- 1935 Athletic program expanded.
- 1936 Boys' uniforms discontinued.
Oil Burners for cooking.
New Headmaster's House built.
Wharf extensively repaired.
Third year of high school added.
Francis Shaw Scholarships begun.
By-Laws revised.
More alumni added to Board.
Title changed Supt. to Headmaster.
Headmaster made member of Board.
- First tractor purchased.
Section on School in book "Islands of Boston Harbor"—Snow.
Boy Scout Troop Organized.
- 1937 Gymnasium interior reconstructed.
Heating plant re-piped.
Oil storage system installed.
First Faneuil Hall concert.
First Aid courses started.
Life Saving instructions begun.
Coast-to-coast radio broadcast.
- 1938 New band uniforms for 50.
Band trip to Burlington, Vt., and played at Middlebury College.
Ed.M. degree to Headmaster from Boston University.
Alumni survey made.
- 1939 Dining Room-Kitchen-Dormitory built. (Bowditch House)
Gas cooking system installed.
New electric dish-washer installed.
Modernized farm equipment begun.
- 1940 Liversidge school merged.
New dairy built.
Milk pasteurizer installed.
Electric lighting system rewired.
Charles Hayden scholarships est.
- 1941 Three new Charles Hayden Dorms.
New engine in launch Winslow.
New Athletic field built.
New electric drier in laundry.
Civilian Defense organized.
Sound movie projector purchased.
New stoker-boiler installed.
- 1942 Yacht Katherine II acquired.
- 1943 Summer Farm-Camp program.
Chapel Fund started.
- 1944 New engine in Pilgrim III.
- 1945 By-Laws revised.
Board of Managers changed to Board of Trustees.
New electric cable lines.
240 alumni in military service.
65% rated.
15 made supreme sacrifice.

Topics in Brief

Our younger boys competed with a similar age group from the Trinity Church in Boston, in a track meet and soft ball game on May 12. Our lads were the victors in both of these events, but by a small score. Both our boys and the Trinity youngsters thoroughly enjoyed this athletic competition.

The Memorial Service, conducted annually at the southern end of the Island, was held on Sunday morning, May 27. This Service seems to grow more beautiful and more impressive with each passing year. The complete program will appear elsewhere in this issue.

Our Band had the privilege and pleasure of participating in the Maritime Day observance at Central Wharf, on May 22. Our boys played for a continual stream of visitors, who were inspecting one of the Maritime Service's training ships. The boys had an opportunity also to inspect the vessel, and greatly enjoyed noting the really excellent conditions under which our men of the Merchant Marine are trained.

Softball has been the principal diversion of the spring season. A rather extensive schedule was played and in the Senior league the Red Sox, captained by Darwin C. Baird, won the championship. In the Junior league the championship went to the Dodgers, led by William R. Bunting, after a series of interesting games.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, May 1855

As kept by the Superintendent

1. The steamer Mayflower made her first monthly visit to this Island for the season with M. Grant and Jesse Bird, Esqrs., of the Board of Managers and the friends of the boys.

17. Mr. Hill came and tuned the piano.

29. Mr. Miles Knowlton and wife

from Northwood, N. H., and Mrs. Furber of Boston came and spent a few hours.

A Day as Messenger

Every day it has been my job during the past school year to go to town as messenger for the school. Each noon, after the mid-day meal, I go to my room and after a few minutes report to the office ready to begin my duties.

At the office the outgoing mail is collected, and the keys to the post office box and locker are given to me. Then I receive instructions from the office instructor. A printed form is given for each errand that is to be done. Notes about each errand are made on the errand slip.

At 1:00 P. M. I leave the Island for City Point, and from there take a street car to South Station. I walk up Federal street to the Post Office and take care of both the outgoing and incoming mail for the school.

Then the work of doing the other errands begins. Naturally the work varies day by day, and I make out an order of stops so that I don't retrace my route more than necessary. These errands take me to the offices of some of the Trustees, to wholesale business houses, and to the smaller retail stores. Often I get things at the big department stores in Boston.

When the errands have been done I return to South Station, where I get newspapers for the instructors. Then I return to City Point. Around the boat landing I often have errands at the stores in the vicinity.

At about five o'clock I return to the Island and report to the office. I fill out a messenger statement and check on my cash account balances. When this is done the office instructor dismisses me, and my day as messenger is completed.

George A. Robie

News of the Service Men of The Farm and Trades School

We like to have you graduates in the armed forces consider the BEACON as a letter from home. We are glad to send it, for we know it is appreciated. This page is reserved especially for you. Please advise us of changes in rank, address, and news of yourselves.

Lieut. FREDERICK E. MUNICH, '20, has been stationed for some time in India. He writes that on "VE" Day his outfit heard the speeches of President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill by direct radio hookup. The time in India was 7:30 P.M.

Lieut. Munich is very much interested in photography, and has taken many pictures of life in India. He sends us some from time to time, which we appreciate very much.

CLYDE W. ALBEE, MM3-c, '33, writes from Island X in the Pacific to say that his outfit is ready to move on. The work which is accomplished by the Seabees, of which branch he is a member, is amazing. He says that the newspapers cover the story well, and that current issues of popular magazines tell much more than those on the spot are permitted to write. Life there isn't bad at all he writes, and the food is excellent.

Corp. EUGENE PROCTOR, '38, is now stationed at an Illinois air base, where he is taking specialized courses as radio operator. This work includes making up, sending and receiving messages in many ways. The use of the typewriter is included. Three hours each day are spent taking code, and three hours at typing drill.

His daily schedule will interest many. Reveille sounds at 9:50 A. M., and from ten until eleven o'clock is given over to breakfast and general cleaning. From eleven o'clock until noon is given over to military training, and for the hour

following that the men are given physical training. The men eat at 1:30 P. M., and from then until 6:30 is free time. At 6:30 P. M. comes supper call. School begins at 7:30 P.M. and continues until 1:40 A.M.

The barracks at his base are tops, and the food is excellent. The recreational facilities include libraries, theatres, chapels, gymnasiums, tennis courts, bowling alleys and swimming pools.

He expects to finish his schooling here in a few weeks, and be given a short furlough. Then he will be assigned to active duty. He is anxiously awaiting the time when he will be in the thick of things.

Lieut. R. Carroll Jones, our former teacher of Agriculture, is on duty at a New Hampshire base. He occasionally has opportunity to visit us, and is a frequent correspondent with his F. T. S. friends.

LIEUT. WILLIAM E. BREWER, JR. '38, U. S. N. R., was given special commendation over a radio network, and his picture appeared in a Boston paper, for his outstanding flying over the homelands of Japan recently.

JOHN R. MACDONALD, '35, has been given an honorable discharge from the U. S. N. R. He took part in important phases of the war in the Pacific, especially in its early stages. He is now living in Chicago, where he hopes to become permanently located. His business is photography.

JAMES PATTERSON, '43, is a frequent visitor to the school between his trips with the Merchant Marine. He has made many interesting voyages to England and Europe.

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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G. GEORGE LARSSON, '17, Historian
Hyde Park, Mass.

GEORGE F. CONNORS, '39, is at Officers Training School, at a Louisiana camp. He is a proud father now, his son being born on March 31. His home address is 46 High Street, Dover-Foxcroft, Mass.

GEORGE A. KREBS, Jr. '38, has received an honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, after having been in active service in the Pacific theater for some time. His address now is: 2520 South Mole Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Pfc MAXWELL M. CLARK, '39, was one of our boys in the German conquests. It is possible that he is now on his way back to this country.

Captain RALPH M. ROGERS, '22, is stationed at a California Air Base. His home address is Box 996, Balboa Island, California. We feel confident that Captain Rogers would appreciate hearing from his F. T. S. schoolmates.

Pvt. EDWARD E. ANDREW, '35, is a member of the 4th Division, U.S.M.C., which has been writing glorious pages of history in the Pacific battles. Upon returning to his home base, after being in combat service, he found eight issues of the BEACON waiting for him. He writes of his happiness in receiving these issues and says "They certainly boost a man's morale when he has just come back from combat". We very much appreciate his informative letter.

We have received a fine letter from RUSSELL L. LETSON, '40, SA (D) 2c,

U. S. N. R., who is stationed at Guam in the Mariannas. Several of the late issues of the BEACON caught up with him, and they were certainly given attention by Uncle Sam's Postoffice workers, for they traveled a distance of 8,500 miles. In reading the school paper he is glad to note that things at Thompson's Island are progressing smoothly. He has one desire: some cool fresh milk and Farm School cookies when this war is over. They'll be waiting for him!

JAMES T. RITCHIE, '37, is in the Infantry and trained for three months at a Florida camp. He was then sent to a California camp, and it is likely that now he is overseas, somewhere in the Pacific Theater.

Pvt. CHARLES H. GRANT, '40, is on duty at a Maryland base. He has written to notify us of a change in address and to express his thanks at receiving the Beacon.

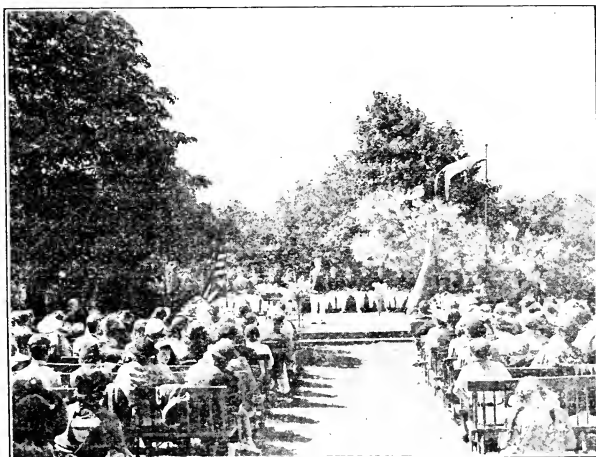
Sgt. WILLIAM D. DELORIE, '37, has written from a town in Germany. He writes that he finds the Infantry much more to his liking than he thought he would. He was transferred to this branch of the service last January, after having been a musician in an Air Force Band.

Pvt. ALAN P. STEWART, '42, left for what was undoubtedly combat duty several weeks ago. He was sent to Europe, as far as we can ascertain, and we hope that he will arrive back in this country one of these days on one of the numerous transports that are arriving daily at our ports.

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Scene at Graduation

Graduation Exercises

The Graduation Exercises of the Class of 1945 were held on June 12. The program was given on the south lawn. Beautiful weather prevailed, and the conditions for the traditional commencement were ideal.

The program opened with the Class Processional, which was followed by the Invocation given by the Reverend Thomas MacAnespie. After music by the Band, under the direction of our bandmaster,

Captain Frank L. Warren, the Salutatory was given.

Of interest was the fact that the Salutatorian of the Class, Louis A. Towne, Jr., had recently begun his recruit training in the U. S. N. R. William O. Robbins, Jr. was chosen to substitute. He gave a fine address of salutation.

Chester C. McLeod, Jr. followed with a brilliant cornet solo, the American Fantasie "Tramp Tramp Tramp", by Goldman, which he played splendidly.

The address of the Valedictorian, Frank N. Babick, was next given. In an excellent manner he expressed the appreciation of the class to the Board of Trustees, Mr. and Mrs. Meacham and the Faculty for the excellent training which the class has received.

President Augustus P. Loring, Jr., introduced the speaker. We were happy to have President Loring with us for last year illness prevented his presence.

The Speaker, The Honorable Robert F. Bradford, Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, paid a glowing tribute to the School, and he gave the members of the Class counsel which will long be remembered. Although talking directly to the members of the Class, his address was of great interest and thoroughly appreciated by the audience of several hundred.

The diplomas were presented by our Headmaster, William M. Meacham. Seven received diplomas for the completion of the Course in Sloyd, and ten received the coveted diploma of graduation. Louis A. Towne, Sr. received the diploma for his son Louis A. Towne, Jr., and the sincere applause of the audience indicated to Mr. Towne the sincere and best wishes of everyone for the continued, steady progress of his son, who is in the Naval Reserve. As each of the class members received his diploma he was warmly applauded.

Mr. Meacham announced that the greatest award which a student may receive is the Shaw Scholarship, and this year this honor was given to Frank N. Babick. Other award winners were not announced. Prize winners are announced at the regular school assemblies, and listed in the BEACON.

The program concluded with a selection by the Band.

PROGRAM

- Class Processional—Youth Victorious
Edward W. Finn, '46, Marshall
- Invocation
The Reverend Thomas MacAnespie
- The Star Spangled Banner Keyes
- Overture—Atilla Karoly
- Salutatory
William O. Robbins, Jr. Substituting for
Louis A. Towne, Jr.. U. S. N. R.
- Cornet Solo—Tramp Tramp Tramp
Chester C. McLeod, Jr.
- Valedictory
Frank N. Babick
- March—National Emblem Bagley
- Introduction Of Speaker
President Augustus P. Loring, Jr.
- Address
The Honorable Robert F. Bradford
Lieut. Governor of the Commonwealth
- Presentation Of Diplomas
Headmaster William M. Meacham
- March Albee
The Farm and Trades School Band

CLASS OFFICERS

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- Vice President
Chester C. McLeod, Jr.
- Secretary
William O. Robbins, Jr.
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Louis A. Towne, Jr., U. S. N. R.
Henry J. Porter, Jr.

The motto of the Class of 1945 was an excellent choice. It was: "Out of the Harbor into Deeper Channels."

DIPLOMAS AWARDED

GRADUATION

Frank Norman Babick
 Darwin Conrad Baird
 George Howard Bruce, Jr.
 Gerard Wayne Harrington
 Chester Carol McLeod, Jr.
 Henry Joseph Porter
 William Ormand Robbins, Jr.
 George Albert Robie
 Robert Wilmer Smith
 Louis Allen Towne, Jr.

SLOYD

Gerard Wayne Harrington
 Henry Joseph Porter
 Lawrence Ralph Cannon
 Richard Emery Duquet
 Wiley Lloyd Bishop
 Bertil Robert Holmberg
 Thornton Best Lauriat

Honor Roll—Spring Term

Sophomore Class

Frank N. Babick, 92
 Robert W. Smith, 87.5

Freshman Class

Edward W. Finn, 90.7
 Donald J. DeWolf, 85.7

Eighth Grade

Wiley L. Bishop, 93
 Paul Calloe, 90

Seventh Grade

D. Peter Finnegan, 86.5
 Burleigh M. Pratt, 86.3

Sixth Grade

Malcolm C. Wiley, 87.8
 George E. Hotton, 87
 Robert E. Lucien, 87

Forty-four of the boys received a mark of 90 or over in classroom effort. They were:

Sophomore Class

Frank N. Babick Darwin C. Baird
 Chester C. McLeod Henry J. Porter
 Robert W. Smith

Freshman Class

Donald J. DeWolf Edward W. Finn

Eighth Grade

Wiley L. Bishop Robert L. Burton
 Berton E. Cadorath, Jr. Paul Calloe
 Kenneth W. Duquet Richard L. Eastman
 Bertil R. Holmberg Paul W. Horton
 J. Lowell Keith Paul D. Keith
 Harold W. Kew Leonard N. Lapham
 Harold D. Lowery Robert B. Morrill
 Robert A. Patterson John J. Preiss

Seventh Grade

D. Peter Finnegan William H. Manson
 Richard E. McPhee Carlos G. Millett
 Walter H. Noland Ramsey G. Porter
 Burleigh M. Pratt Paul E. Razoux
 Robert I. Sleeper Robert D. Strachan

Sixth Grade

James L. Angelos Robert Dickson
 Edward P. Doerr Preston A. Gilmore
 Charles E. Hotton George E. Hotton
 George S. Keyes Robert E. Lucien
 Edward L. Melvin Theodore G. Wilcox
 Malcolm C. Wiley

The Annual Farewell Party given to the graduating class by the next succeeding class took place on the evening of June 8. This was a very happy and successful party and those in charge are to be congratulated on its complete success. There were games and stunts for all, followed by the presentation of novel gifts to each of the class members. Music and dancing were much enjoyed. Tasty refreshments were served. The various parts of the program all combined to make a pleasant evening for all.

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We always wish we could comment upon each of the letters received from all of you men scattered all over the Globe. The job each of you is doing is superb and we are proud of you and your work. Your activity in the air, on land and at sea, in every branch of service and in every theatre is unexcelled. We are always overjoyed when we hear from you from Africa, Europe, Asia, South America, Iceland, the Pacific area and many other corners, including every section of our homeland. We look forward to the day when your visits to us will be often instead the present brief furlough calls.

Here we are carrying on with the same basic pattern as in previous years. There are, of course, many shortages and restrictions but we are deeply conscious of the fact that we have no suicide bombers hitting at us, nor fox holes, nor land crabs, nor the thousands of other dangers and discomforts of warfare.

Alumni day the races were held but no pie race. The turnout was unusually good considering the fact that so many are away at war.

The gardens and haying are in "full swing". We have a hay loader which helps speed up the job. Now if we can have a little good weather the barn will be full shortly.

The telephone company is about to erect a line of wooden poles along the east side of the Island. We are also to have a high tension electric cable to replace the present defective one. We are figuring on a new coal pocket or coal shed at the Power House to hold a lighter of coal. Whether this will be possible is uncertain at the present writing.

Topics in Brief

Graduation was the principal event of the month, of course. The several parts of our graduation calendar took place in traditional manner, and all were worthy of high praise. None of us at the School will soon forget the many happy experiences which the 1945 Graduation season brought. We are confident also, that the members of the Class will recall their Graduation as one of the happiest experiences in their lifetime.

On Sunday, June 10, the Graduating Class, together with Headmaster and Mrs. Meacham and several of the Instructors, attended the Phillips Congregational Church, in South Boston, to hear the Reverend Thomas MacAnespie deliver the Baccalaureate. The service, in the quiet dignity of this old church, was impressive, and the sermon thoroughly appreciated.

The members of the graduating class were the guests of Miss Madeline Buttles, Principal, on June 11, at an intown theatre.

The Alumni Association held its annual field day at the School on June 9. At a meeting held soon after arrival at the island, the School was presented with a Flag, the gift of Frank L. Washburn, '83, and a slide trombone, the gift of George G. Noren, '02. These gifts were accepted for the School by Headmaster William M. Meacham, who expressed the great appreciation of F. T. S. to the donors.

The Graduation Exercises for the Class of 1945 were held amidst the beauty of the South Lawn, on June the twelfth. The speaker, The Honorable Robert F. Bradford, Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, delivered an inspiring address which will long remain in the memory of those privileged to be present.

The keystone of the address was the great need for a well-rounded education in order to successfully cope with all the tremendous problems with which the coming generation will be brought face to face.

A complete account of the Graduation Exercises will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Baseball, softball, tennis, swimming and water sports have all had a major part in the recreational program for the month. With the completion of our top-notch baseball diamond, interest in the national sport will increase by leaps and bounds. Softball has taken a firm hold on the playtime activities of the boys, for this is a game which provides many of the thrills of baseball, without the latter's extensive equipment for play. It is a fine camp game. Some boys prefer individual type sports, and for them tennis is probably the ideal game, and our court is in use constantly. Swimming is, of course, the most popular of all the summer sports, and ideal conditions permit us to give our boys the utmost in both recreational and instructional swimming.

Charles E. Thompson, '40

It is with deep sadness that we record the death of Charles E. Thompson, Class of 1940, who was killed in action in the European war. A portion of a letter from his chaplain written to his mother is a fine testimonial to this outstanding F. T. S. graduate. The chaplain said in part:

"Private Thompson was a first class soldier. He was well liked by everyone. He did his duty well, and without question. He had a pleasing personality, which won him many friends in his company. The way in which he took the rugged life of an Infantryman was the

envy of everyone. He had the reputation for cool nerve and intelligence, and will surely be missed by this organization."

We extend our deep sympathy to his mother, Mrs. Mary L. Thompson.

and other kinds of examples. My other two subjects, English and Ancient History, I do not find as interesting as the others. But, as a whole, I like my academic courses.

Leslie L. Goddard

Calendar 90 Years Ago, June 1855

As kept by the Superintendent

2. The steamboat Mayflower made her second monthly trip to the island with the boys' friends. Present: J. I. Bowditch, M. Grant, J. Bird, Storer and F. Bacon of the Board of Managers.

7. J. Roskell came over to put the carpet down in the parlor.

18. Margaret Kelly who had been cook here for nearly four years left and Hannah Mack came in her place. Charles E. Taylor who went over yesterday to attend his mother's funeral returned today. Geo. E. Gill left to go to a place in Cambridge, Vermont.

29. Went to the city with the boys in the Mayflower—visited the City Hall, Merchant's Exchange, etc. and after taking a ride through some of the principal streets, met the boys' friends on the Common. On our return to the boat called on Judge Jackson who gave me ten dollars to be expended in cake for the boys.

30. Gave the boys a holiday, a good portion of which was spent in sailing kites.

My Academic Courses

I study four subjects in the afternoon classes. My first subject is Algebra which is followed by English. The third period is Ancient History, which is followed by a ten minute recess. The last two periods are study and Spanish. Spanish is my favorite subject, partly because of good marks I get, and partly because I find it interesting. My second favorite is Algebra. I enjoy solving problems, equations

Charles Hayden Memorial Scholarships

The Charles Hayden Memorial Scholarships were established in 1940, and since that time have been awarded annually. Those who were the recipients of this scholarship for the past school year were:

Frank N. Babick	Darwin C. Baird
George H. Bruce	Chester C. McLeod
Gerard W. Harrington	Henry J. Porter
George A. Robie	Robert W. Smith
Louis A. Towne	Donald J. DeWolf
Richard E. Duquet	Bruce E. Haeger
Richard G. Morrill	Lawrence Cannon
William O. Robbins, Jr.	

Alumni Field Day

The Annual Field Day of the Alumni Association was held on June 9, and was one of the most successful which the Association has held. Weather conditions for the day were ideal, and never did the Island seem so beautiful. The attendance was good. Transportation was by a private boat.

Upon arriving at the Island the group met on the Front Lawn for a business meeting. Before the meeting commenced Headmaster William M. Meacham expressed his pleasure at having the Alumni at the School. Mr. Meacham spoke briefly concerning the past history of F. T. S., and told how the School was continuing to grow. Even during these difficult war times steady progress is being made.

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News of the Service Men of The Farm and Trades School

We like to have you graduates in the armed forces consider the BEACON as a letter from home. We are glad to send it, for we know it is appreciated. This page is reserved especially for you. Please advise us of changes in rank, address, and news of yourselves.

Lieut. HUDSON D. BRENNER, '37, has sent us a printed form stating that for the present he has no military address. We hope that this means that he will soon be returning from Europe, and possibly may be able to make us a visit.

Pvt. JAMES T. RITCHIE, '37, entered the service last Fall, and is now located in the Phillipines, helping to clear those islands of the Japanese invaders.

LOUIS A. TOWNE, Jr., '45, entered the U. S. N. R. in May and is undergoing his boot training most successfully. He has been recommended for engine room work, and hopes to be assigned to this duty.

EDWARD M. BICKFORD, '10, CM 1C, was a recent visitor to the School. He is in the Seabees, and has been stationed at various bases in the far Pacific. He has completely recovered from a recent illness, and will soon be back on duty with the Seabees.

On his visit to the School he was greatly impressed with the progress made. He graduated from F. T. S. 35 years ago, and has kept in contact with the School throughout the years.

Sgt. ROY M. DOLE, '35, after a long stretch at Dutch Harbor, was returned to this country and has just completed a six weeks course of instruction at a Virginia Camp. He is now stationed in Boston at the Headquarters, First Service Command. He sends us the happy news that

his wedding plans are completed, and the all-important date is August 5. He is home quite often, and his address is 21 Auburn Street, Melrose, 76, Mass.

Sgt. WILLIAM D. DELORIE, '37, is in the occupation forces at Bonn, Germany. This famous university town is full of interest, and pages could be written of its contribution to the world culture. It was here that Beethoven was born, and his home still stands, furnished as it was in the days of the great composer. The piano which first gave up the tones of the world's great symphonies is there, and is of course of first-rank importance to the American G. I. Although much destruction was made in the town, many places of cultural interest to the world were left relatively undamaged.

AXEL R. HALLBERG, '40, YM 2c, writes from somewhere in the Pacific. Like all his letters, this one is full of good humor as he recounts some of his experiences. As we noted in a recent issue, he is married. His home address is 1723 W. 55th Street, Los Angeles, 37, California. He thanks especially those responsible for sending him the BEACON.

Pfc THOMAS C. KENVIN, '38, was honorably discharged recently, under the point system, according to a newspaper article. He has had a long and excellent record, having been among the first units to embark for Australia at the outbreak of hostilities.

Upon his return to this country he visited us, and we enjoyed his discussion about the war,* and particularly upon certain creeds to which the Jap seems willing to devote his life.

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George G. Noren, '02, a member of the Board of Trustees, presented the School an excellent slide trombone. Mr. Meacham thanked him for the School, and told a little of the story of the Band. The trombone will be a big help to the School in the furthering of the band music program.

Frank L. Washburn, '83, also a member of the Board of Trustees, made a gift to the School of a beautiful flag, ideal for our use. This is indeed greatly appreciated, and is a most practical gift.

These gifts were a happy surprise to both the School and Association, and although they were individual donations and not a scheduled part of the program of the day, they did reflect the fact that all F. T. S. graduates are continually thinking of ways to be of service to their Alma Mater.

During the business meeting which followed these presentations President G. George Larsson, '17, of the Association, Clifton E. Albee, '21, Chairman of the Day, and Malcolm E. Cameron, '19, addressed the group. The program for the day was briefly outlined, and a cash balance was turned over to the School for the use of the undergraduates.

The group then dispersed, and spent until lunch hour visiting favorite spots on the campus. Many had brought guests, and a tour of the dormitories was made. As usual, the splendid housing facilities which the boys enjoy, elicited high praise.

At noon lunch was served on the lawn. Each had brought a box lunch, which was supplemented by F.T.S. Boston Baked Beans (best in the world); coffee

and milk. To a former Farm School boy no milk anywhere can ever equal that from the Island herd, and all enjoyed the cool refreshment of the pure, rich Golden Guernsey milk.

A ball game in the afternoon amazed both the players and the spectators. The Alumni nine played the School nine, and the game was very close for a few innings. But then the arms of the "old men" began to loosen up, while the legs slowed down. The School nine had two flourishing innings, enough for a victory. This game was sure plenty of fun for all.

Later on in the afternoon a program of individual and team races, sports and stunts was held on the South Lawn. The undergraduates had looked forward to this part of the day with eagerness, for this is an annual fun fest. The old time favorites, such as the crab race, sack race and others were enjoyed, and there were some new stunts added. Cash prizes were awarded to the first three in each event. This part of the day's activities lasted for about one and a half hours, and at its conclusion the graduates were cheered lustily by the undergraduates. The group then began leaving for the wharf, for the Field Day had drawn to its end.

Our Secretary, Merton P. Ellis, '97, was unable to be present. He seldom misses an Alumni affair. His brother, Howard B. Ellis, '99, took his place and was responsible for the smooth handling of the group at City Point and until the Entertainment Committee took over.

We may have more pleasant Field Days, but the 1945 occasion will remain in our thoughts as a memorable and very happy one.



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Fishing

For most of the boys the most popular way to spend a beautiful summer day is getting out the fishing equipment and testing their luck. During July and August mackerel are plentiful, and many of the boys catch more than a hundred of this ocean treat. Other fish caught include bass, silver hake and an occasional sculpin.

The best bait here seems to be plump minnows, which are easily netted. A few of our young fishermen dig clams and use these for bait with success. Sea worms are used also.

The equipment the boys use varies from a ten cent "fitted line", to some pretty good pole and reel combinations. But, regardless of equipment, he who has good bait and patience usually makes the largest haul.

The ideal time for fishing is when the tide is running high near the close of the day. In not too long a time the boys can catch enough so that the entire school can enjoy a tasty broiled mackerel dinner on the following day. But luck usually runs good to him with patience at any hour of the day.

Sitting on our wharf in the sunshine, with cool ocean breezes blowing about, and watching a steadily growing catch accumulate is one of the most pleasant ways to spend a summer day. No wonder fishing is such a popular summer sport!

A Class Excursion

On Monday, June 11, the Class of 1945 was the guest of the school principal, Miss Madeline Buttles, who arranged a theater party for the group.

The Class left the Island at about one o' clock and soon arrived at City Point. From here the boys went to South Station by street car.

After arriving at the South Station the Class went to the Modern Theater. The main picture was "God is My Co-Pilot", and there was another film called "Scared Stiff", and also a news reel. All of the films were very much enjoyed.

When the show was over the group returned to South Station, and soon was on its way to City Point. Upon arriving at the boat landing everyone had ice cream. Then the Pilgrim was boarded and in a short time the Class was back at F. T. S.

Everyone in the Class wishes to thank Miss Buttles most sincerely for arranging this happy trip.

George A. Robie

Bookends

This article isn't about the kind of bookends you think it is. It is about a very special Bookends, a cat. This is a story of her experiences and life on Thompson's Island.

Last October the boat boys found a cat on the City Point landing. It was soon learned that this cat had no home, and as the days were getting colder, the boat captain gave the boys permission to take the cat to the School.

When she arrived at the School she had her choice of several places to live. She chose the carpentry shop. If she had a name, no one knew what it was. So the boys decided to name her after a Sloyd model. Here there were a lot of choices, but "Bookends" became the name chosen.

Bookends enjoyed a quiet, peaceful life, with plenty to eat and a warm bed. When anyone came near her she would start her happy purring. She became a great pet of all the boys.

She enjoyed this happy life until February, when she became a mother. Four kittens caused her no end of trouble and bother. The kittens became great favorites of the boys, and after six weeks they were given homes of their own.

Bookends moved with the coming of Spring. She made the haybarn her new home, and only once in a while did she visit the woodworking shop. Here she enjoyed fresh milk from the dairy, and had quite a wonderful time foraging about the barn, cutting down the population of the mice in the grain rooms.

Her favorite pastime through this

peaceful stretch of time was to visit the Wharf, where the boys would oblige by giving her a newly caught batch of minnows. These she ate in great numbers.

This happy period was brought to an end on June 2, when she became mother to six more kittens. She had a good place for the kittens in the haymow. This would have been all right, except the farm crews were getting in hay. So Bookends and her family were moved to another part of the barn. Bookends did not like this and during one night the family disappeared, and all during the next day they couldn't be found. Bookends came for her milk though, and she made her trips to the Wharf. Later the kittens were found quite a ways off from the barn, near the carpentry shop, in a hidden spot. The kittens were moved into the shop. So Bookends came home.

This ends the story of Bookends, at least for the present.

Wiley L. Bishop

Sunday Afternoon at the Wharf

Many of the boys like to go to the wharf after dinner on Sunday, and stay there until supper time. Usually these boys take a fishline and fish, until there is something more interesting.

Last Sunday we went swimming at 1:30 in the afternoon and stayed in the water about an hour. Then a shower came up, and we got dressed. Just as we were thinking about going to the dormitories the sun came out brightly. So we began swimming again.

A great many small motor boats were passing in front of the wharf, most of them headed for the outer harbor. We noticed one small one drifting near our beach, and there was no one in it. We hoped this boat would land on the island, and it would have, excepting for the fact

that a larger boat came in and took it in tow.

Later in the afternoon we went swimming again. It was a very high tide, and the water was perfect for swimming. Some of us practiced diving from the end posts on the wharf. Then we played water tag.

The fish weren't biting so good on this particular day, and only about six were caught. We had these broiled. They were all mackerel.

As we were leaving the wharf near supper time the fleets of small sailboats which had been racing, came up the Dorchester Bay channel. It was a good sailing day and lots of these boats were on the bay.

To many, the wharf is the most pleasant place to spend a summertime afternoon.

Meals at Our School

Some people may wonder what makes up the menu for the meals served on our tables at F. T. S. The food grown on our farm is plentiful, especially right now, and it tastes good. The corn is ripe now, and we are served with this favorite vegetable about every day. So food from the farm makes up a big part of our menu.

Dinner today was a fair example of our usual meals. We had chicken from our farm, roasted to a golden brown and stuffed with tasty dressing. There was one for each table of six. For vegetables there were white boiled potatoes, golden ears of corn, sliced cucumbers and sliced tomatoes. There was plenty for everybody as there always is.

For dessert we had custard pie, which was baked in our kitchen. As usual we had all the milk we wanted.

We are fortunate to have so much grown in our garden. Nearly everything on the menu for this meal came from the farm.

Bruce E. Haeger

An Old Friend Returns

One of the first peacetime activities which was stopped when war was declared in 1941, and which all of the boys at the school could easily note, was the discontinuance of the Coast Guard Station in Dorchester Bay.

With the ending of the war in Europe and the continued good news from the Pacific, this station has again resumed its valued work. During the summer the familiar white station, with its complement of swift life-saving craft was towed from its base in the inner harbor, to its familiar mooring off the South Boston yacht clubs.

It was not long before the men at the station called at our island. Most of the crew are new to this particular station and they made note of the depth of water, and location of boat tieups and other information which may be of value in time of emergency.

The station is equipped with everything necessary to aid in promoting water safety in Dorchester Bay. It has a long and notable record for work in helping pleasure craft which develop trouble.

During the war the station was in continual use, although its wartime work in no way corresponded to its peacetime duties.

Our power supply will soon be delivered over a new cable, which will begin on the mainland at Squantum and terminate at the transformers at our power house. Much of the work has already been accomplished.

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As this is being written we are excited with the war news and the prospect of a cessation of this long terrible conflict even before this item is in print. We constantly think of each of our many lads in the conflict, those who have suffered injury, the fourteen who have made the supreme sacrifice, and Lieutenant Carl Weeks, '29 who for more than three years has been a prisoner of war in Japan. We carry on with a realization that in spite of our worry for every one of you lads in service, on the home front our lot consists only of mental anguish and has in it none of the suffering of combat.

So, we are happily and eagerly listening to every fragment of war news. It is apparent that the Japanese have been defeated decisively. The Atomic bomb, terrible though it may be, has shown its effect. Russia has entered and already pushed far into Chinese territory, and now Japan has actually offered to surrender. Then the world will again be at peace and we fervently hope that never will there be another war.

Every word in the Beacon is addressed to you fellows in the Service. It is our monthly letter to you. We are all happy to know that you get some pleasure from our bits of writing thus to you.

We can hardly wait for the time when you will all be back to enjoy frequent visits with us and a great re-union at your school.

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We at the School are preparing a photograph album of F. T. S. servicemen, and would like your picture, in uniform. Will you send it at your convenience?

Topics in Brief

During the summer months the boys all enjoyed a vacation with their parents. The length of the vacation varied from two to four weeks.

Weather conditions were ideal for outdoor sports on July 4, and the holiday was celebrated by both baseball and softball games. In the evening a picnic supper on the beach was enjoyed.

Nine of the boys were privileged to attend the inter-city baseball game between the Boston major league teams, on July 10 at Fenway Park. The boys enjoyed seeing their favorite athletes, and brought back to the School many stories of the abilities of the Boston players.

The boat crew has done considerable work about the Wharf in recent weeks. The Winslow has been put into use, the boat house clapboarded, and the Pilgrim painted.

A picnic supper on the Bowditch House lawn was held on a recent evening. Sandwiches, punch and ice cream made an ideal summertime menu. Several times during the summer informal picnic meals such as this take place, and are always very much enjoyed.

It has been with interest that we have watched the transports crowded with veterans of the European conflict coming up the harbor. These ships pass the north end of our Island, and are escorted by a welcoming tug. The Port of Boston Embarkation Band, and some other units on this tug give the returning heroes a real welcome. The cheering and singing of the returning veterans are plainly audible to us. Upon arriving at a Boston dock

the men entrain for a nearby camp, where they receive further orders.

May all our men return soon from both Europe and the Pacific area, where the most terrible war in world history is raging in all its fury.

The playtime activities of the boys during this month have centered around softball and baseball games, with tennis also as popular as ever. A great many ball games were played, and all those who are interested in this grand sport had places on the various teams. Tennis has its devotees, and for an individual sport, this is a game which has many advantages. Our court has been in constant use.

Swimming is by far the most popular summer sport enjoyed by our boys, and in July they had ample time to enjoy this sport. We have ideal conditions for all kinds of water sports and the boys certainly take advantage of them. There are many fine swimmers among the boys, and a few "beginners"; for participation in the swimming program is urged, and practice makes perfect.

Fishing has been unusually good this summer, and our boys have spent many happy hours enjoying the sport. On a recent day, within a space of two hours, nearly one hundred mackerel were caught. Many were cleaned and cooked for immediate enjoyment, but the bulk of the catch was put on ice and served on our table on the following day.

Our farm has supplied us with generous quantities of fresh vegetables during the summer months. At the time of this writing our table is heavily laden with tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, corn and summer squash. Garden fresh vegetables

make up the principal part of our summer-time diet, and all of the crops raised on our farm are used at the School.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, July 1855

As kept by the Superintendent

2. One mason and two diggers came to fix the vault.

4. Being a national holiday the boys were furnished with cakes and buns for breakfast and supper and with roast lamb and green peas for dinner, also with oranges and lemonade.

24. J. Roskell put up window shades in parlor and office.

27. Annie and Augusta returned from their visits to Bradford and Manchester.

28. M. Grant, B. A. Gould, J. Bird and F. C. Manning of the Board of Managers and the boys friends visited the island in the Mayflower.

More News of the Men in Service

VINCENT D. WOODMAN, '33, was engaged in construction work on American bases in Northern Ireland at the outbreak of the war. Following his return to the States he joined the Seabees and has been at various Pacific bases since that time. He writes that he has just been assigned to a base in the Phillipines, and enjoyed the sea trip there from the West coast. There are only one third of the men left from his original outfit now, and the company is beginning its third year overseas.

In his letter he states that he is a member of the gun crew aboard the ship, and as this crew has its own deck, life is much more pleasant than in other parts of the crowded vessel. He tells of the occasional tropical rains, the bartering with natives who row to the ship and other items which are of interest.

Pvt. EDWARD E. ANDREW, '35, U. S. M. C., is based somewhere in the Pacific and keeps in touch with us with frequent letters. Everything goes well with him. His one desire is to get home and see his two small children, who have "grown considerably", he is sure. We hope that all the boys will be home real soon, and that this nightmare of destruction and desolation may never be repeated.

ALBERT E. PETERSON, '21, F 1c, U. S. N. R., is at a Naval Transfer Station in New York, awaiting further duty. He was injured aboard ship in early April, and hospitalized. Complications set in, and since that time he has been in Naval hospitals. Now that he is completely recovered he is anxious to be back on the job again.

He sent us a copy of the Receiving Station paper, which has interested us.

Additional Alumni Notes

GLENDON L. CAMPBELL, '43, graduated from Melrose High School in June. He was a member of the high school orchestra, which had a prominent part in the graduation exercises.

JOHN H. GOODHUE, '21, owns and operates a busy shipyard in Braintree. This yard is equipped to handle almost any kind of ship work and has been very busy during the war years with both government and civilian work. Mr. Goodhue is also interested in the Goodhue Navy Yard at Wolfboro, N. H., which is one of the better know shipyards on Lake Winnepesaukee.

News from our graduates is always welcome and appreciated. Kindly send us any you have for inclusion in the BEACON.

News of the Service Men of The Farm and Trades School

We like to have you graduates in the armed forces consider the BEACON as a letter from home. We are glad to send it, for we know it is appreciated. This page is reserved especially for you. Please advise us of changes in rank, address, and news of yourselves.

Lieut. WILLIAM E. BREWER, '38, a Naval aviator, is flying frequent missions over the Japanese homeland, and other Jap held territory. He is making a distinguished record.

His success in Naval aviation began upon the completion of his pre-flight training, when he was graduated third out of his class of four hundred. In as much as the class was composed chiefly of college men, this was a notable achievement. He gave the credit for this to the excellent all-around education he received at Thompson's Island.

He received his wings on January 12, 1944, and this was followed by two months operational flying. He describes the thrill he received in landing his plane on a carrier these training days; yet, he adds he discovered later how little he knew, when actual combat flights took place.

He was assigned to a Washington base, where he and the other members of his squadron studied the fighter ship "Hellcat". He describes this fighting ship as a beautiful aircraft with remarkable performance.

From the Washington base he was transferred again, this time to the Hawaiian islands. Here, along with other trainees, he had time for swimming and spear fishing, a native sport. Two pleasant months were spent in this beautiful climate, when another transfer took place. This took him to the Admiralty islands, and he was based on an island smaller than Thompson's. This was not a very pleasant place to be based, and he and the other members of his squadron were

glad to transfer to a carrier.

He took part in the great carrier attack over Tokio. This attack lasted for an hour and a half, but seemed inestimably longer. All the planes got back, and he himself saw three Jap planes go down in flames. This raid was a most historic one, but nothing like those to follow. Air fighting rages now in all its fury, twenty four hours a day, and he, with our other heroic carrier pilots, are doing their utmost to bring the Japs to the point of unconditional surrender.

Pvt. FRANKLIN S. HARRIS, '42, is with the forces still located in Austria. Everything goes well with him, but, like the other men he is looking forward to that glorious day when this world strife will have ended. He writes that he is located in a sightseers paradise, with snow-capped mountains surrounding the valley town where the American forces are located.

Pvt. DAVID G. HAEGER graduated from F. T. S. in 1942, and remained to take the post-graduate year here. In September 1943, he entered Norwood High School and graduated in June 1944. He took examinations for the U. S. Army specialized training program, for high school graduates 17 years of age and was accepted, and for the past year attended classes at Norwich University, Vermont and the University of New Hampshire. Having reached his 18th birthday in April, he commenced his recruit training in July, 1945. He has several plans for further education under Army rules. His home address is 360 Walpole Street, Norwood, Massachusetts.

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PFC EARL W. HOOPER, '43, has written us telling of his military career. He has had more than 13 jumps to date, and one of these was in rescue of civilians from the Japs. For the past year and a half he has been a machine gunner. He has been in several parts of the Pacific Theater. His present locality is very beautiful country, but the Japs have ravaged the land, leaving it in a sorry plight.

PFC STEPHEN H. VINAL, '38, has written to thank us for the issues of the BEACON which he has received. We send this paper to all our servicemen, and it is appreciated. Some copies have travelled some thousands of miles, but the delivery under first class postage, has been remarkably efficient.

Captain ELMER N. BENTLEY, our former minister, is a Chaplain and was on duty during the European war in the beautiful town of Verdun, France. He had many unique experiences, and describes the destruction wrought by the war vividly. He has taken about 800 feet of 8mm movies, and we hope that it may be possible for us to see them.

Sgt. HORACE A. TAYLOR, '30, says that he is now a married man, having been married in Tacoma, Washington. He has inherited a lovely seven year old daughter. Congratulations! He has been for nine months in England, and for sometime after that was stationed in Marseille.

EUGENE S. EMERSON, '39, S M 3 c, writes from somewhere at sea, giving us

news of his present activities. He left F. T. S. after Bowditch House was constructed, and has not yet seen the group of three Hayden dormitories. He is anxious to see them; also he is interested in the locality of the boys' flower gardens. This plot of individual gardens has been moved to the East side of the front lawn, and from a gardener's viewpoint, a much more desirable location.

GEORGE W. HARRIS, '40, has received his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, and is now living at 303 East Tennessee Ave., Oak Ridge, Tenn. He plans to be married early in August, and in September he expects to attend Union College, in Schenectady, New York. We hope that his plans materialize to his complete satisfaction, for he served his Country in a truly distinguished manner. He, together with all the returning veterans, deserves all the help and assistance which a grateful nation is ever ready to bestow.

LOUIS A. TOWNE, '45, is nearing the end of his recruit training. He has had training in rifle range, chemical warfare, firefighting and antiaircraft drill with a 50 caliber gun. All of this instruction was very valuable, and although it was hard work, he enjoyed every minute of it. He has a leave in a few weeks, and he will visit F. T. S., if it is at all possible.

ROBERT P. DONNELLY, '43, graduated from Vermont Academy, Saxtons River, Vermont in June. He anticipates joining the armed forces soon. At present he is working in Lynn, Mass.



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My Room

This fall, before the opening of school, the room assignments in the four dormitories were made. These assignments will be permanent for the year, for the majority of the boys.

My room is now in Bowditch House. There are three other boys in the room, Stephen Zevitas, Harold Lowery and Robert Burton. My room is large, with four windows.

We have our room decorated with many kinds of pictures and a number of pennants and banners of different colleges. Some of us have little souvenirs which we use for decorations.

The room is painted a light buff, and is furnished with maple dresser-desks, mirrors and chairs. The beds are metal and painted dark. The bedspreads and window draperies have designs of sailing ships on them. The floor is oak, with a wax finish.

We have a good view from our room. To the West we can see all of the other dormitories, and to the North the athletic field with Presidents Road and all the ocean traffic in the background.

Bruce E. Haeger

Setting Beacon Articles

Recently I was assigned work in the Printing Office. On the first day I reviewed my knowledge of the type case,

parts of a printing type, and the equipment used at this work.

On the following day I began setting up type for the Beacon. I was very slow, of course, but I learned a lot about indentions, spacing, quotations and the handling of lines of type.

It takes quite a while to set the type for an issue of the Beacon. The most important part of the job is to see that the work is done correctly, because if not, it has to be done over. Type can't be squeezed or stretched as if it were rubber. Omitting even a single letter oftentimes means distributing and resetting a whole paragraph.

We set the Beacon from a job case. The type is Recut Caslon, and the size ten point. The type is set in a composing stick and then removed to a galley.

D. Peter Finnegan

A Duck Family

One day while two boys were getting the cows in from the pasture they noticed a duckling. Upon looking about, they found out that there were six ducklings. They weren't surprised, because Mr. and Mrs. Mallard Duck visited this pasture often, which is marshy in places.

After the cows were in the barn the boys went back to the pasture and watched the ducklings. Some of the instructors also walked to the pasture and watched

the family grow during the following few days.

It wasn't long before Mrs. Mallard Duck was leading a parade, and one afternoon the whole family was seen walking toward the east beach, and going for a swim. After awhile the duck family wasn't seen except when swimming. No one has seen any of the ducks for some time now, and probably each of them has gone to make its own way.

Paul Callee

Swimming

One of the most popular of all the sports here is swimming. During the summer we went swimming three times each day. The first swim was at 10:00 A.M. During the morning swim the Naval aviators from the Squantum base practiced landing their seaplanes in front of our wharf, and we watched them with interest.

The afternoon swimming hour generally began at 2:30. This was the warmest part of the day and more boys went than at the other times. This swimming period lasted a little over an hour. There was always something interesting happening around the area which made the time pass very quickly.

In the evening, just before sunset, there was a short swim period. This usually came after a ball game, or some other athletic activity, and the boys welcomed a chance to get cooled off.

Wiley L. Bishop

Awards

Recognition of one's abilities by others is always greatly appreciated. Here at F. T. S. we have a system of annual awards which serve this purpose admirably. The names of outstanding students in various fields are regularly printed in the Beacon.

For the fifty-seventh year the Shaw and Temple Consolation Prizes were

awarded at graduation. These prizes consist of cash prizes to the first ten, books to the next five, and honorable mention to the next five boys. The period covered the six months ending May 31, 1945.

Those who won the Shaw Prizes were:

- 1st Frank N. Babick
- 2nd Stephen J. Zevitas
- 3rd Robert L. Burton
- 4th Henry J. Porter
- 5th William H. Manson
- 6th Chester C. McLeod
- 7th William T. Warfield
- 8th Richard L. Eastman
- 9th Albert R. Erickson, Jr.
- 10th Paul D. Keith

Those who were awarded Temple Consolation Prizes were:

- 11th Harold W. Kew, Jr.
- 12th Nelson W. Stearns
- 13th Robert B. Morrill
- 14th Frank A. Bagley
- 15th Robert E. Lucien

The following received honorable mention.

- 16th John E. Keller
- 17th George H. Bruce, Jr.
- 18th J. Lowell Keith
- 19th Berton E. Cadorath
- 20th Paul W. Horton

Calendar 90 Years Ago, August 1855

As kept by the Superintendent

11. Returned home by way of Manchester. Received a visit from Patrick Driscoll; also from C. Bates of Hingham, who came to bring his annual gift of whortleberries to the boys.

12. The Castle Island boat landed at the wharf and some of the party came to the house.

13. Winthrop J. Young who had his eye hurt by a small stone thrown at random was taken to the Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Our Dogs

Among the pets of the boys on our Island are the dogs. The oldest dog is Webbie. She is known as the poultry dog, because she spends most of her time around the poultry house. Judy, one year younger than Webbie, is the favorite pet on the Island, and can be usually found with a group of boys on the playground, in school, at the movies, and sometimes she even wanders into Chapel during Church. Queenie stands guard at Adams House, and is always ready to welcome or discourage visitors there. Najar is also a pet of anyone who has time to stop and play with her. Zip is the latest addition to our dog family. She is young and frisky, and sometimes wanders into the sixth grade classroom. She is the first one to leave, having some way of knowing just when school is over.

All the boys like dogs, and even though there are other favorite pets on the Island, the dogs are probably the most popular.

The Jester's Comments

—During the Graduation exercises, Thornton "Bruiser" Lauriat was called forward to receive his sloyd diploma. It was noticed that the band boys took a firm grip on their equipment as Thornton passed. There is a good reason for this. During band rehearsals things have a habit of tipping over when Thornton is around. It is known that the mere act of his taking one step in the band hall caused two music racks, one chair and two instruments to fall over. We won't mention in detail his habit of trying to sit where there is no chair, or pouring milk where there is no glass or of forgetting where certain flights of stairs are. Thornton would be a champion bowler; his very presence would cause the pins to fall over.

Some of us are a little worried just now for Thornton has learned of a namesake who made a famous balloon flight about thirty years ago. Mr. Edward Rowe Snow mentioned Lauriat's Balloon over the harbor.

—When new boys come to the School certain humorous happenings are bound to occur. Two of these stand out at the moment.

Ted Jones watched the varsity on the way to football drill the other day. One of the players asked him if he would play. Naturally he wanted to, and he was led to the locker room and told to get into an outfit. The varsity uniforms were made for great big strong players like Larry Finn and Ted looked rather ludicrous in his outfit. But he was happy. He reported to Coach Thomas, who took in the situation with a grin. After watching the scrimmage for awhile the truth of the situation dawned upon Ted, and he enjoyed the joke with the rest. Now, with the season well organized, Ted has a regular place on a team with the other twelve year olds, and his uniform fits him.

Another enjoyed incident took place when Don Ricker, Bob Cox and Charlie Gunby became members of that mystic society, the Royal Order of Siam. It took only a few rehearsals for Ricker and Gunby to follow the ritual in approved style, but Cox was awed by the solemnity of the occasion and needed a more extended drill, much to the pleasure of the thirty boys watching the initiation.

—Wiley L. Bishop, story-teller, adventurer, man about the shop and biographer of "Bookends" announces further adventures of that marvelous member of the feline family. Seven new kittens arrived at Bookends' new home since the cat's life history was printed in our last issue. Biographer Bishop will bring his work up-to-date after some research.

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The *Hub*, published by the Rotary Club of Boston, carried the following article pertaining to the Club's Outing at Thompson's Island August 2. Our Headmaster was chairman of a committee of 50 Rotarians which arranged the outing plans.

"The Rotary Outing at Bill Meacham's Farm and Trades School, Thompson's Island, was as perfect as human minds and hands could arrange, and one long to be remembered by everyone who was fortunate enough to be there.

"The day was perfect. All who have ever been to Thompson's Island know well what an ideal spot it is.

"Hosts Bill and Rena Meacham with the able assistance of the committee had all plans made in advance, and every event and feature went off like clock-work, starting with the wonderful boat trip from the South Boston Yacht Club. Jack O'Donnell with his beautiful yacht, bringing over a group, had the pleasure of having a close-up of a large troop ship coming in with 3,500 of our boys loudly cheering its arrival, followed by a white coastal steamer full of welcoming WACS.

"Then the walk along the pier at the island and the climb up the steep stone-paved road to the broad campus over the hills gave a view in every direction to hold the interest and gladden the heart of any lover of the great outdoors. With circling planes and scudding cottony clouds in the deep blue skies, and the temperature of 72 degrees, we were off to a perfect start.

"The fine condition of the 157 rolling acres of the island gave ample proof of the care it received and the training the boys receive in its upkeep. On the high level there are three dormitories, which make a total of eight fine brick buildings for the ample accommodation of the boys, teachers and staff.

"The object of the school is to discover the potentialities of the boys and develop these so that fine boys may become finer men. The boys are trained in farm work on the ninety acres of tillable ground which produces 100 tons of hay, many acres of corn, 1,000 bushels of potatoes and an enormous amount of all kinds of vegetables. Much canning is also done by the boys under able supervision. In fact, practically all the food for the school is raised on the farm, which insures finer food both in quality and amount and valuable training for the boys as well.

"The events were on schedule. The nail-hammering for the ladies (except when they pounded their fingers); potato race; three-legged race; bean bags; darts; bottle-race (perfectly innocent) and many others provided great joy for the contestants and real entertainment to those looking on from the comfortable benches located either in the sun or shade as desired. The table where refreshments and soft drinks were available proved to be a very popular spot.

"The men's sports were quite an attraction. The ball game between the Rotary Blues, Linc Prescott, Captain, won 13 to 10 over the Rotary Reds, Warren Bailey, Captain. Gene Howell was umpire on the box and "Whit" Whitten, umpire on bases, with their fair decisions and generosity, they certainly missed their calling. Apparently the big league managers failed to recognize their ability in the days gone by. The horseshoe tournament with 22 participating played off the finals between Aaron Jones and Freeman Bailey, with Freeman Bailey the winner. A prize went to Ralph Bennett in the quarter finals.

"The hay-stack treasure hunt (for kiddies) provided much excitement for the youngsters and active entertainment for the grown-ups watching.

"About five o'clock the group assembled at the tables where benches were arranged for supper and the prizes for the events were awarded.

"Chairman Bill Meacham called on Aaron Jones, Chairman for Prizes, who presented the door prizes and in turn called on Tom Turley, Children's Sports, to reward the fortunate contestants. This was followed by a grand chicken pie supper by Hicks, the caterer, after which Bill Meacham made brief and fitting remarks of the success of the outing and called on the officers of the club to take a bow. He then presented our Dr. Dan Marsh, President of Boston University, who gave us a very interesting historical talk on Boston Harbor and Thompson's Island in particular, closing with a very wonderful and descriptive poem by James Whitcomb Riley, as a climax to the day's events.

"Then about a dozen of the boys brought out a piano with no more apparent effort than to carry a table and Lou Schalk led us in group singing with "Ek" Ekholm and Mrs. Fran Mahady performing at the piano.

"About 60 of Bill Meacham's Trades School boys were asked to join the singing and they also sang their school song as a climax to the day's events.

"As the gorgeous sun slowly slipped behind the horizon a happy group reluctantly embarked for home filled with good food and laden with happy memories for a most delightful outing, which planted deeply the roots of Rotary fellowship.

"Again we salute Bill and Rena Meacham for this outstanding event of our Club."

ED NOTE: The F. T. S. boys enjoyed this Rotary Outing tremendously, especially the chicken dinner served them at the conclusion of the Rotarians' activities.

Topics in Brief

Workmen commenced during the latter part of the month to install a new main steam line, from the Power House building to the basement of Gardiner Hall. This is a much needed project, as the old line had become practically worn out. We expect that the new line will be put into use shortly.

August was a month of real summer weather, which gave the boys opportunity to enjoy all the popular summer sports. Tennis, softball, swimming and fishing attracted the attention of all of the boys, and active participation in these recreations was greatly enjoyed.

The annual tournaments in tennis are being held at this time. The boys are grouped according to age into two classes, Senior and Junior, and the winner of each tournament has the honor of having his name inscribed upon the Guy Lowell Cups for tennis.

The individual plots of flower gardens have attracted considerable attention this summer, as they always do. Prizes are awarded each year for excellence in flower gardening, and this activity is popular with many of the boys. Each gardener chooses his favorite plants and accepts the responsibility for the continual care of his garden.

A crew of roofers has been here during the month making necessary repairs. This work was done, as it has been for years, under the direction of Howard B. Ellis '98.

Throughout the month our farm kept our table well supplied with fresh vegetables, and the garden crops were equal to those of preceding years. Garden fresh vegetables are a treat to all, and the boys

have enjoyed especially the tomatoes, and corn which came from our farm in abundant quantities.

Our shop crew has spent much time at the wharf making needed repairs. Much of the worn planking has been renewed, and a new gangway for the North side float built.

The choir of the Ruggles Street Baptist Church held an outing at the School recently. The highlight of the day was a baseball game, which was won by the F.T.S. nine.

We have participated in the several war salvage drives conducted by the government, and waste kitchen fats, waste paper, scrap metal and other material, have been delivered to the proper depositories.

Edward Rowe Snow has visited us recently. Well known as a foremost Boston Harbor historian, Mr. Snow has conducted tours of interested people to our island, and lectures on Thompson's Island and The Farm and Trades School. Mr. Snow is the author of several volumes on New England sea history, all of which have been very favorably received by the public.

Work progresses, as time permits, on our new athletic field. Although the greater and most important part of the job has been done for some time, there is still much which we wish accomplished in beautifying the field and making it 100% efficient for our needs.

The Rotary Club of Boston enjoyed an outing at the School on August 2. A detailed account of this very successful and most happy event will be found elsewhere in this issue.

News of the Service Men of The Farm and Trades School

We like to have you graduates in the armed forces consider the BEACON as a letter from home. We are glad to send it, for we know it is appreciated. This page is reserved especially for you. Please advise us of changes in rank, address, and news of yourselves.

LINWOOD L. MEACHAM graduated from F. T. S. in 1942 and Vermont Academy in 1944. He was on leave from his Naval duties during this past July, after having completed one year in the service. The following article was written by him especially for the BEACON, and will be of great interest to our servicemen, the vast majority being personally acquainted with the writer.

U. S. Naval Combat Aircrewman

After one year of training I have finally reached my first goal in the Navy and that is a qualified Combat Aircrewman A. O. M. 3c. To give you readers a little idea of what training the Navy gives its C. A. C.'s, I will start from the beginning and bring you up to the present in my life as a Navy man.

I first went to Boot Camp in Jacksonville, Florida where I was taught the fundamentals of the Navy the same as at any other Boot Camp in the Navy. I was also given many hypodermic shots there against different diseases. Boot Camp lasted six weeks. We chose the phase of C. A. C. program we wanted to get into there. There were three phases offered at that time, radio, mechanic, and ordnance. I took ordnance so from here on my article will dwell mostly on that subject.

From Jacksonville we were sent to Memphis, Tennessee. When we first went aboard the base they gave us mess duty for three weeks. For you Army men that is K. P. The Navy has a habit of doing that when one hits a new base.

We then began our training as ordnancemen. To go into the subject very deeply would take unlimited space so I

shall just mention things we had to know all about. The first two weeks were spent learning the fundamentals of Math., electricity, and tools. The next five weeks on small arms, ammunition and bombs. Small arms include "45" pistols and revolvers, rifles, 30 and 50 caliber machine guns and the Thompson sub-machine gun. The next three weeks were spent on bomb racks, bomb fuses, loading ammunition in different planes, installing guns in planes and general knowledge of ordnance material on the different Navy planes. The last eight weeks of ordnance school were spent actually working with the things we had learned about the first ten weeks such as fusing the bombs and then loading them in their respective bomb racks on the planes, firing the guns and finding worn or broken parts, called "malfunctions" of guns, placed in them by the instructor. Also in this last week came instructions in torpedoes, and the new 20 m. m. cannon.

When we were graduated from ordnance school, after 18 weeks of intensive training, we were given S1-c ratings. We then took two weeks of radar which I can tell nothing about, only that it is a most interesting subject.

They then shipped us to the U. S. Naval Air Gunners School at Jacksonville, Florida. It is more commonly called "Yellow Water" by Navy men that know it, due to a stream which runs through the base that has a very decided yellow color.

For six weeks we learned the technical as well as the practical way of shooting from planes. The first three weeks was spent with the technical phase and the last three with the practical phase.

We graduated from Gunnery School as qualified aerial gunners.

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From Yellow Water they shipped us across town to the Naval Air Station to begin our operational training. There they gave us our choice of taking PB4Y's or PB4Y's which is the Navy's version of the B-24. I took PB4Y's which meant an eight weeks training and then overseas. They also gave us our choice of crew, that is we could choose the fellows we wanted to fly with. A PB4Y has a crew of eight; two pilots, two mechanics, two radiomen and two ordnancemen.

The purpose of operational training is to get the pilots and crew used to the plane and the crew members used to each other so they can work together as a team. Most every day we flew for at least four hours. We also had four hours a day devoted to ground school; namely refresher courses in everything we had had during our training. It might be called the finishing school of an aircrewman.

All through our training we have also had to learn the other fellow's job. We ordnancemen have to be able to take blinker and semaphore at ten words per minute and know all the Navy signal flags. We are also capable of setting up and using the radio gear on the plane and are given instructions in mechanics.

Each man in the crew is taught to fly the plane. I have had about ten hours at the controls, learning to take off as well as land the ship.

We graduated from operational training as qualified combat aircrewmembers and given our wings of silver as well as a rate of A.O.M.3c. The best thing they gave us though was a leave of twenty-one days which I am now enjoying very much.

Although I have not mentioned every

detailed subject that an aircrewman learns about I have tried to give you, the reader, a general idea of what has happened to me in my one year's experience in the Navy. Where I go from here, only the "big" men know and they won't tell yet.

Sincerely yours,
Linwood Law Meacham,
A. O. M. 3c

JOHN L. SHERMAN, '14, has been employed by the Western Union for 23 years. He is married, has two children, and lives at 178 Waverly Avenue, Watertown, 72, Mass. He has recently entered a subscription to the BEACON.

CYRUS W. DURGIN, '21, is earning an enviable reputation as a foremost music and drama critic. His columns in the Boston Globe attract wide attention. He is in demand as a lecturer, and is a member of the staff of the University Extension Courses given by the State Department of Education.

SAMUEL WESTON, '04, has written from Deland, Florida, his home town. He enclosed a clipping from the "Deland Sun News of July 13, 1945. It was released by the United Press and told of the Class Motto of this year's graduating class at F. T. S. Mr. Weston sent congratulations to the Class for adopting such a fine motto, which was:

"Out of the Harbor into Deeper Channels".

WILLIAM B. CROSS, '17, U. S. Navy Bandmaster, is now stationed in Boston. His home address is: 11 Hutchings Street, Roxbury 21, Mass.



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Friends' Day

Friday September 28 was eagerly looked forward to by the boys because it was the September Friends' Day. The weather wasn't perfect, but it was good enough so that we could be out-of-doors if we wished.

At 1:30 the boys were at the wharf waiting for the boat "Charlesbank", which brought the visitors. The boat was filled to capacity, and a second trip was necessary. As the people came up the gangway from the boat dock the boys greeted them and everyone went to the dormitories. It was the first trip for many because earlier in the month the new boys had arrived here.

The first stop for most of the visitors was the dormitories. Here the boys and their friends spent some little time in the boys' rooms and some of the parents took time to talk with the dormitory supervisors. Some of those present had brought lunches, and these were enjoyed.

The departments of the School were next visited. All of the boys work half a day in some department. They were anxious to explain their work to the visitors and have their instructors meet their parents.

Bowditch House, with its pleasant dining room and well equipped kitchen was a popular place for the guests. They lingered in this place. The Sloyd room

was busy most of the time, with the parents seeing just what the boys were doing in the course pursued there.

The cow barn was visited by nearly everyone. Although most of our fine herd was in the pasture there was much young stock in the barn. All the visitors liked to watch the young animals in their pens.

The front lawn, with its tall shade trees, was a comfortable place to rest and toward the latter part of the afternoon many enjoyed the quietness and beauty of this lawn.

At 4:30 the boat returned and the visitors left after having spent a happy time with their boys. All the boys are now looking forward to the next Friends' Day.

Wiley L. Bishop

Band Practice

This year we hope to have a very successful band and the boys are practicing hard to make it so. The band now is made up of twelve cornets, six clarinets, five alto horns, six trombones, three bass horns, two baritones and four drums. There are many beginners also who are learning to play and they will be added to the band when they have enough ability.

The usual order of band practice is this: We first tune our instruments and play some piece, usually a march, which we know well. Then we spend a lot of

time on some brand new piece, rehearsing the hard parts over and over, until we get it fairly well. Then we take another piece which we have started to learn and rehearse it some more, getting it ready to play at Assembly.

The last part of the rehearsal is taken up by the playing of several pieces which we have learned well previously, and we play them so as to keep them fresh in our minds.

Band music at the School is very popular and nearly all the boys either are in the band or would like to be.

D. Peter Finnegan

A Day on the Farm

Last Saturday morning I was told to report to the farm, which I did, directly after breakfast. Our first job was to take the truck and go to south end and feed the pigs. After doing this we went to the potato field at north end, where a few boys were already at work. Our job was to clean off the rows so that the potato digger could dig the potatoes out. The rows were pretty long, but the eleven of us each did one. Then we had a recess and got a rest. We started another row, with one boy at each end working towards each other. Our time was up just as each two boys finished their row. We were dismissed and went to our Dorms.

Paul Calloe

Intra-Mural Football

Early in September the interest in summer sports tapers off and the attention of our boys goes to fall sports, especially football. For a period of two weeks tag games are played and then the boys are ready for our intra-mural program in this sport.

Captains for three teams are elected by the student body, with the assistance of the athletic director. These captains

choose twelve players for each team. Then three captains are selected, who choose players to make up other teams. The three teams chosen first naturally are composed of the older, more experienced players, while the other teams are composed of younger boys. Each three teams constitute a league. Nearly every boy plays on one of these teams.

The schedule of games is arranged so that Saturdays and holidays during the fall months are football days, and nearly always two games are played on these days.

Full equipment is supplied each player and the rules of this great game are rigidly adhered to. Competent supervision, an excellent playing field and the love of the sport make every football day a red-letter day for our boys.

For 34 years Mr. S. V. R. Crosby, a member of the Board of Trustees, has generously awarded the championship team each year a silver shield with the names of the players inscribed upon it. The outstanding player in each position receives an individual athletic trophy. These awards are cherished by the boys and add greatly to the interest of each football season.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, September 1855

As kept by the Superintendent

17. A number of Naval Apprentices visited the school.

23. Religious services conducted by the Superintendent and Teacher.

26. M. Grant, B. A. Gould and G. H. Kuhn with the friends of the boys came down in the Mayflower.

38. Received a visit from Messrs. Livessidge and friends from Dorchester and Mr. Bent from South Boston.

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The Grew Garden Prizes

For 57 years prizes have been given for excellence in flower gardening. These prizes were begun by Mr. Henry S. Grew, a member of the Board, and since his death his daughter, Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby, has continued them.

Those who won the prizes this year were:

Howard E. Jennison, first
Charles and George Hotton, second
Bertil R. Holmberg, third
Edward L. Melvin, fourth
Paul W. Horton, fifth
Frank A. Bagley, sixth
Wiley L. Bishop, seventh

Printing

In our printing office we have equipment to do any of the jobs of printing which are required by the School. The main job we have is the BEACON, and it is sometimes difficult to get this paper printed every month.

The school office requires a great many forms, besides numerous other kinds of printed material. Then too, we print programs of holiday activities, band concerts and other special events.

The most important thing we learn in the printing office, I think, is accuracy. It takes a long time to learn to set type and print it correctly.

Bruce E. Haeger

The Jester's Comments

—Although it happened some time ago the experiences of Howard Jennison in the hospital are worth recounting. "Jenny" was to have drops in one of his eyes, and it was quite a job for him to keep the eye open. So a ball game was played. Each time a drop went in, a strike was scored for the applicator, or pitcher. If "Jenny" winked in time a ball was called. Before the prescribed number

of drops were applied, four men had walked across home plate, and "Jenny" had a liberal quantity of drops everywhere but in his eye.

—While the finn was creased on a hill of young woods, a porter with powers of a warfield, fitted the gray doerr with two keyes; cornish, isn't it?

—The sight of sights was given all who were lucky enough to be on the wharf during one of the late summer days. Dick Parlin was taking his first lessons in diving. No matter the method, and many were tried, about the only result was a bombastic mountain of water rising in the best "Old Faithful" manner. Dick just couldn't get himself out of a horizontal position. With all the mountains of water he raised, it is little wonder that the Winslow broke from her moorings.

—Those terrific seamen, Dick McPhee and Billy Manson have had many experiences during the past month. It's said that Dick has more crooks in his boatlines than his trumpet has turns. And Billy, with his mouth agape, looks on, hardly knowing what to make of his co-worker. And when Billy tries his hand at "throwing the loop" Dick helps out. After all is said and done, both are caught in the twists of the line. Anyhow, Bert Cadorath is on hand to straighten matters out. The trouble is though, that when Bert is walking it is hard to tell whether he is coming or going. Speed is not his natural forte, although it is true that when it comes to work on the Pilgrim III Bert is the man to get it done. As it is, Dick and Billy watch with admiration as Bert performs nautical wonders.

Campus Notes

Our band director, Mr. Frank L. Warren, has resumed his weekly visits to the School to conduct rehearsals of the band.

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We print below, in full, an article entitled "Lt. Weeks Writes of Animal-Like Life in Jap Prison and Rescue by Russians" which appeared in a recent issue of the St. Petersburg, Florida, *Times*.

Lt. Carl G. Weeks graduated from The Farm and Trades School in 1929 and later from Bridge Academy, Maine. He did college work at the University of Maine in 1937 and shortly after enlisted in the U. S. Army. His assignment to duty in the Philippines took place in 1941.

The article follows:

Three and a half years of animal-like existence as a prisoner of the Japanese, the cunning cruelty of the Jap guards, especially those educated in the U. S., and the deceptions they played on visiting Red Cross inspectors are details bared by 1st Lt. Carl G. Weeks in a lengthy letter dated August 24, to his mother, Mrs. Tekla Ormsby, 4835 Sixth avenue north, which confirms his survival and his liberation from Camp Hoten, Mukden, Manchuria.

The St. Petersburg officer, who owes his life to an Australian army orderly, lived to write home about the spectacular manner in which his camp was liberated by the Russians. Freedom—its memory crystallized in their minds—swept in upon the prisoners in true Hollywood style.

A colorful Russian General proclaimed them free men and with a great deal of pomp and military ceremony the prisoners became masters and personally rounded up and interned the Jap garrison.

Bubbling over with the exhilaration of the sudden turn of events, the dazed veteran of Bataan, Corregidor and the "March of Death" exclaims to his mother, "What a wonderful sensation to be writing to you directly again—to know that it will be a matter of a couple of weeks rather than four or five months before you receive it. And how many things I have to tell you.

"We are free! I wonder how many

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Topics in Brief

Mr. Henry A. Lemieux has been appointed principal and teacher of our School, and commenced his duties at the opening of classes on September 10. Mr. Lemieux makes his home in Arlington, Mass. He attended St. Hyacinth high school, in Canada, the University of Montreal and Boston College.

He has degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education from the University of Montreal, and Master of Arts from Boston College.

He was married in July, 1943. He, Mrs. Lemieux, and their fourteen months old daughter Marguerite, are at F. T. S., where they have an apartment in Dormitory C.

The Island has presented its customary beauty during the summer months. The many visitors to the School never fail to comment on the lovely appearance of our unique campus. Naturally, to keep our lawns, shrubbery, trees and grounds in excellent condition requires continual care and attention. Under capable supervision, this work is done by the boys, who receive very valuable instruction and training.

Our religious services each Sunday are and have been conducted for many years by an older student from the Gordon College of Theology and Missions, of Boston. Sunday School is held each Sunday morning for an hour period, and in the evening a formal service takes place. Many of the boys enjoy the opportunity and privilege of assisting with these Sunday services. Our religious work for this school year is under the capable leadership of Mr. Edward Large.

During the summer we enjoyed several Sunday evening song services, led by our Headmaster, Mr. Meacham.

At a meeting of the Admission Committee held September 4, 25 boys were admitted to the School. They came on Sept. 6. For four days an interesting program was given these boys, including swimming, beach walks, ball games, field sports, fishing, and other events, so that on September 10 they were ready to begin their school career at F. T. S.

The boys in Dormitory A had a pleasant evening of fun and diversion recently, when they gave an entertainment of novelty stunts and skits under the direction of their monitors. As guests were the new students who do not live in that particular dormitory.

Get-togethers such as this are held as time permits, and provide plenty of jollity, particularly on a long winter evening.

Football season has arrived, and with it all the enthusiasm and interest which this very popular game brings. Our boys will play a limited number of games with outside schools, but the big interest will be in our two intra-mural leagues. Six teams will compete, and weekly contests will be played until Thanksgiving, and perhaps later.

Our boys have a great many hobbies and one of the most fascinating and worthwhile is that of stamp collecting. Over a period of many years this hobby has been tremendously popular with generations of our boys. Some of the collections number more than 2,000 different stamps. The boys' collections grow chiefly by trading one with the other.

The boys enjoy the weekly program of moving pictures. We are fortunate in having an excellent RCA 16mm sound projector, and it has been our privilege to

show some of the finest pictures made by the major film studios. Indeed movie night is one of the real highspots of each week's activities.

There was a Friends' Day held on September 28, and a large group was present. Among the visitors were many who were at the School for the first time, and they were intensely interested in the many opportunities which the school gives its students.

Lieutenant Weeks' Letter

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people in the world know the meaning of that wonderful word. The people in the U. S. know but I hardly think they appreciate its full meaning. I tell you, I know. And I know, too, what a wonderful country I am returning to. I have seen some parts of China and the Philippines so far, but 'God Bless America', our way of living and thinking and just getting things done. The American way is THE way.

"For these past three and a half years we have been living like animals and the Japs themselves don't live much better. This camp was one of the propaganda camps built in the spring of '43. When we moved in the barracks were brand new and the Japs were talking about a fifty year war. (When we were taken prisoner it was going to last a hundred.)

"We had electricity and running water—it only ran cold and colder. The barracks were built of cement brick, two stories high, warmed (?) in winter by Russian type petchka stoves (an excellent invention, by the way), and divided into ten sections. Five downstairs and five up.

"Each section is divided into four double-decked sleeping bays, each of which accommodated eight men, making a total of 48 per section. We sleep on pallets made of straw-filled mattress covers and I think straw is issued every five years.

"I still have my original issue, supplemented by such fleas and other accoutrements as one may accumulate between sunnings. Behind the head of the beds runs a shelf about two feet up. That's for our clothes. We don't need it any more for we have no clothes.

"Of course, the Japs themselves don't wear shoes inside. They use wooden clogs to clatter around in, but that was too good for us, so we made our own. Of course we had to steal the material from them but my conscience is clear as a babe's. Strangely enough, we managed to improve on their clogs nearly every model we made.

"Everything was the same. If we needed anything we had to steal the material and make it. Of course, if we got caught we were beaten up and don't think the Japs didn't like to beat up the Americans. The worst one of the lot was a rat by the name of T. Noda, born, brought up and educated in Berkeley, Cal. Those who had been to the states were always worse—for they knew what they were missing.

"About a week ago I used a fork for the first time for a full meal since a year ago last Christmas. In the Philippines we lived on rice (full of weevils) and some sort of swamp grass cooked in lots of water and practically no salt. Since we have been here it has been a little better. Soup, made of beans and kaoliang (kaffir corn) was an improvement. The beans saved our lives. Then we built ovens, and finally were issued flour and baked buns. So for about a year we were gaining our health

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little by little.

"On March 3, 1943, I went to Hoten Military hospital (Japanese) with pneumonia and nephritis. For three days an Australian orderly, himself a convalescent patient, kept me alive. I remember very little about it. Eventually I came around a bit and in two weeks my pneumonia was better—thanks to the orderly.

"On April 9 (I think) I went back to the old camp and began convalescing for nephritis. That is still with me but not bad. Diet will fix it. After we moved in here in August 1943, it began to get bad. For every little thing the rations were cut and the men still had to work in the factory.

"Our personal packages arrived in February, 1944, all opened and looted. We were not permitted to see the list of contents. I have a list of the one I got from Betty (his sister) with those blessed vitamin tablets.

"Later the Red Cross packages, of which we were supposed to get one package per week, according to the publication 'Red Cross News', arrived and since last year we have received about six. We have every reason to believe that whole shiploads of Red Cross food and supplies were hi-jacked from this end. Of course, we have no official proof yet, but time after time the Chinese at the factory have told our boys that there was lots of Red Cross food in the warehouses in Mukden.

"The R. C. representatives look around once a year, but with one exception were shown only what the Japs

wanted seen. Extra rations would be issued for that day. The slag and rock we were using was covered over with real coal for the day. The hospital patients were told to lounge around as though they were enjoying themselves and no one, again with one exception, among the prisoners was allowed to speak to him.

"The officers were the best bait for their petty little schemes. Our ration was three-quarters that of the men but until last May there were only 16 officers here, so we had our own mess. By that I mean that we had our own cook and were given permission to cook the food we were issued as we saw fit. That helped make it palatable but didn't increase it any. The upshot of it all was that gradually our weight went down on Jap food and increased when the Red Cross food was doled out.

"Last May about 600 casual officers arrived in two groups. The first of about 300 came from the Phillipines. I'll tell you about them later. Their story is horrible.

"The second group, about the same size and consisting of full colonels and generals came in about a week later. There was little increase in rations so that we were on about one-third rations from what we had before. From then on it was cut about three times until we were on actual starvation diet. I had to quit the work I was doing for the regiment and harbor defence because I was too weak to move around. I weighed 116 pounds last Sunday, my lowest as a POW.

"Then came the Russians! On the eve of the 20th, the commanding general of the Soviet army of occupation swaggered into camp with a C-47 load of aides. Was he ever a real movie Russian—and did he have movie-type aides! They were terrific and so were we.

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"He then gave a speech: 'For four long years we have been in the war-ski. (Hurray.) We have marched half way across the world (hurray) just to liberate you prisoners in Mukden-ski -(hurray)! From this moment on, in the name of the commander-in-chief of the Soviet Red Army in the Far East, I proclaim you Free men-ski!' (I guess you know that he got a real stateside cheer on that.)

"He told us we were free and then he had all the Japanese staff from the colonel to the lowest yardbird brought out and disarmed on the parade ground. Our own provisional guard was given their rifles and ammunition and with us 'in the driver's seat', they were marched out of the compound and interned in their own quarters. Since then they have been our prisoners. What a unique situation!

"And the food! They have told us there was a food shortage in Mukden. If so, it had been relieved. For a week I have had indigestion from trying to stretch my stomach to normal. We have sugar, meat, potatoes, and real white buns, as well as pudding or pie, or perhaps cookies at night. All this is quite overwhelming coming so suddenly and spectacularly.

"We have been organized into a casual regiment and I've been given command of one of the companies. It is composed of men from my own regiment and our battalion commander is also from the same outfit—the fighting 60th Coast Artillery, anti-aircraft.

"We are waiting now for transportation out of here. To the south, the key railway bridges have been blown so we will have to fly. Hence, arrangements

have to be made with the Russian authorities (and they are pretty grand people) and gasoline has to be flown in from interior China.

"Eventually we are to be flown to Chungking, clothed and sent on our way. When, we do not know, nor how. But this I know—there will be a wedding in our family as soon as I can return and get away to attend it. And God bless you and Betty for what you have done to keep both Lillian and me cheerful in the last three years."

Lillian, who has been introduced to The Times readers in earlier stories of Lt. Weeks, is his fiance, Miss Lillian Cryway of Bangor, Maine. Although the imprisoned officer hadn't received any of her mail, he is sure of her love and loyalty. She, in turn, never gave up hope for his safe return and has justified his faith in her. The young couple were to have been married on a 10-day leave which was cancelled by last-minute sailing orders given Lt. Weeks in the summer of 1941.

Miss Cryway plans to come to St. Petersburg for the lieutenant's homecoming. It will be her first meeting with his mother and sister here, although they have corresponded regularly.

Lt. Weeks concludes his first letter written as a free man once again, by explaining that it is sketchy and only a rough idea of what his imprisonment had actually been like.

"But then, remember," he says "that this has been one of the model camps of the whole Japanese POW system. God has been good to me."



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The Shrine Circus

A group of the boys enjoyed a trip to the Hamid-Morton Circus, through the kindness of Mr. Howard B. Ellis, '99 and Mr. Hamid, one of the executive officers of this Circus.

Upon arriving at City Point shortly after one o'clock the boys had the pleasure of riding on one of the new trolley-busses which took them to North Station and the Boston Garden. Here Mr. Hamid made arrangements for the group to have excellent seats on the main floor, where every part of the great show could be easily seen.

The Hamid-Morton Circus is the largest indoor show now appearing anywhere, and in each of the three rings successive acts were performed which the boys will long remember.

The show opened with the Madison Square Garden Band playing a selection of World War II songs, and the large audience joined in the singing of these popular melodies.

Among the animal acts most enjoyed was Joe Walch, who had twelve lions in a steel cage. The lions did all kinds of tricks,—sitting, climbing and running in formation. The trainer used a whip which he snapped as a signal for the lions to do their tricks.

The funniest part of the show was A. A. Robbins, the "Banana Man", who

took from his clothing a huge assortment of odds and ends, including several bunches of bananas, six banjos, a dustmop and a number of pumpkins. He gave everyone a laugh a second.

There was an unusual and clever bear act, in which these animals did many very clever things. One of them rode a motor cycle around the arena.

The trapeze artists were a big part of the show, and everyone held their breath as daredevil feats were accomplished. Riding a bicycle on a tight rope, high up near the roof of the Boston Garden, may seem impossible, but this stunt was done not only by one rider, but by three riders on the same machine. It had to be seen to be believed.

The "U. S. Liberty Horses" were enthusiastically cheered as they did their act. The formations which these beautiful animals made, and the tricks they performed, were remarkable. Anyone who likes horses couldn't help but enjoy this part of the show.

There were many, many animal acts, and all of them really very thrilling. The antics of the clowns with their exploding car brought roars of laughter from everyone.

The finale of the Circus was sensational. The Garden was plunged into darkness and then beautiful spotlights were played on a mammoth cannon.

"Miss Victory" was presented to the audience, and a moment or two later she was shot from the cannon.

All of the boys liked this show very much, and it was talked about for quite awhile. Everyone thanks Mr. Ellis and Mr. Hamid for the privilege of this Circus trip.

The 1945 Varsity

One day in September, our football coach Mr. Thomas called out those who wanted to try for the varsity squad. We reported at the ball field and had a short drill. Then for about an hour he showed us how to block and tackle.

After a few more practice sessions he chose 22 boys for the squad and issued uniforms and equipment. Then came the work of learning plays. We learned a few, slowly but surely, and kept adding to them. A lot of changes were made from the first lineup.

Our first game was with Cohasset, and we looked forward to it eagerly. Most of us had had no experience, and we were a little over confident. We lost but it didn't take away our courage for the other games to come.

Regardless of how we make out this season, we are learning and there are other seasons to come. We have had a lot of fun practicing.

Edward P. Doerr

Our Flower Gardens

Every summer the boys have a chance to have individual flower gardens, and most of the boys like this hobby. Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby gives yearly prizes. My brother Charlie and I had a garden together, and we got second prize. This was \$4.50, and we divided it.

The gardens are located east of the front lawn, and are of different geometrical designs. We plant whatever kinds

of flowers we wish, and no two gardens look alike.

These flower gardens supply bouquets for the dining room tables and the sitting rooms and boys' dormitory rooms. When visitors come we often make bouquets for them to take home.

George E. Hutton

Visiting Day

Visiting Day is my favorite day at F. T.S. It usually comes once a month, and the parents bring other friends to see their boys. Sometimes six or eight people will be here to visit just one of the boys. The people come on the boat "723", usually about half past one and stay until about five o'clock.

On the last two Visiting Days our school played football with high school teams from Kingston and Braintree. But on most of the Visiting Days the time is taken up by meeting the instructors and learning about the School. All of the boys' friends like to see the cows and other farm animals, too.

Walter C. Roberts

The Band

I think that The Farm and Trades School Band is the most interesting activity at the School. There are more than 30 members in the band, and when some of the beginners get a few more lessons this number will be increased. Our band director, Mr. Warren, comes to the school each Saturday to give the boys a lesson.

I play trombone, and I certainly hope to become a good enough player to play a solo at one of the band concerts next spring.

The Band plays each Monday at the Assembly, and often one of the boys plays for our Sunday evening church services.

Ralph L. Gale

Dairying at F.T.S.

We have fifty head of pure bred Guernsey cattle, and many of us have a chance to work in the dairy. Some of the cows are milked twice a day, and the best ones are milked three times a day. The boys who milk three times a day are the best milkers in the School.

A few of us help Mr. Fullum, the herdsman. We keep the cow barn and milk room spick and span. Most of the mornings are spent washing paint and cleaning windows.

Some of the milk is run through the separator, and the skim milk is fed the calves. The cream is taken to the kitchen where it is whipped for desserts. All of the milk which is used in our kitchen and dining room is pasteurized.

One of the jobs the boys like is to take charge of a calf and raise it. All of the boys who milk raise a calf.

George S. Keyes

Poultry Work

Every afternoon I work in the Poultry house. My first job is to collect eggs in the main hen house, the brooder house and the range. Then I help clean up and do odd chores for the rest of the afternoon.

Each week on Thursday or Friday we dress off chickens for Sunday dinner. This is quite a job, and some of the boys like it, and some don't. It takes about twenty for the meal.

I am looking forward to next February when we will start the incubator. It is fun to watch the baby chicks break the shell and begin walking around.

Leslie T. Gilmore

Our Cats

If it's cats you're interested in we have all kinds on Thompson's Island. In color they are black, grey, yellow, brown, tan and many mixtures. There are about

twenty cats in all. There are a lot of cats in the barns, and they never come to the dormitories. Maybe they don't want to, or perhaps the dormitory cats won't let them. I have not found out yet.

The boys have their favorite cats and adopt them as pets. Some of the instructors also have cats, but no matter who owns the cats, everyone likes them and the cats are the pets of all.

William F. Kellaway

Kitchen Work

The Kitchen is the department I work in. Right now I am vegetable room boy, and I find it fun working there. I am there from after breakfast until dinner time, with a half hour recess. Some of the work I do there is to sort vegetables and get them ready for the machine which peels them.

After doing this work for a week we swap jobs and the next job is being early boy. The early boy begins work at 6:00 A.M. and helps get breakfast. After breakfast he washes pots and pans, and cleans the kitchen. Then, after a recess of an hour and a half he returns and serves the food for dinner.

On Tuesdays and Saturdays we make ice cream. There are four boys in the kitchen and two freeze the ice cream, and the other two serve it.

Another kitchen job is that of the bakery boy. We learn to bake pies, cakes, cookies and bread. Most of the boys like this work better than the other kitchen jobs.

There are three instructors in the kitchen, and they are always glad to help the boys. Perhaps some day I'll be running a restaurant, and my experience and lessons in the F. T. S. kitchen will come in handy.

Robert E. Lucien

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Now that the war is over and once again we have produced the men and materials which have reduced aggressors to civil pursuits we can look to the future with great hopes for the freedoms we are determined to have. Civilization is always filled with complexities. We can never agree completely but with the sane approach which has been the nations should be able to avoid wars.

All of this business of war is so terribly useless, so unnecessary, such a waste of lives and material resources, all for what?

The one great need, the only power which will ever bring mankind to a reasonable way of life is belief in and practice of the ways of our Creator. There just are too many people too selfish to adhere to this way of life. We are not satisfied with our rich heritage. We want more. We are like a foot-ball player who sees a goal-line near at hand and without heed to sense or direction plunges the ball over whether it be the goal-line of the opponent or his own. Why can't people see straight and everybody be happy?

Reading Marguerite Allis' recent narration of pioneer life, "Not Without Peril," would give us something to think about and a deeper realization of our own many blessings.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, October 1855

As kept by the Superintendent

17. A small party from Fort Independence made a call.

18. Put comforters on the boys' beds.

26. M. Grant, J. Bird and Robert B. Storer, Esqrs., of the Board of Managers and the friends of the boys visited

the island in the steamboat Mayflower, it being the last regular monthly visit for the season.

28. Received 25 bbls. of Apples from S. P. Douglas which were landed yesterday at Central Wharf and brought down this morning.

Topics in Brief

It has been our great privilege to see some of the mighty warships of the U. S. Navy as they steamed their way proudly by our island and into the inner harbor. During the month two battleships, an aircraft carrier and other craft were in Boston for Navy Week observance. These vessels had sailed directly from the Pacific, where they aided materially in the defeat of Japan.

The Freshman Class presented a novel program at Assembly on October 22. It was a political rally, and the candidates for the office of class president were presented by several speakers, and by the use of posters. On the following day the class held the election and Stephen J. Zevitas won over Robert L. Burton by a narrow margin.

Columbus Day was celebrated at the School by a football game, which opened our intra-mural program. In the evening a fine moving picture show was enjoyed.

Nineteen of the boys enjoyed the Shrine Circus at the Boston Garden on October 5, the trip being arranged for through the efforts of Mr. Howard B. Ellis, '99. Needless to say, the boys thoroughly enjoyed the show, with its many outstanding acts.

The annual visit of Malcolm E. Cameron, '19 took place on October 10. His program of magic once again was

high in entertainment value. As usual Mrs. Cameron assisted. Mr. Angus Ross, singer of Scotch songs also entertained. The whole program was truly enjoyable.

The F.T.S. football team lost to Cohasset High School 26-0, at Cohasset on Saturday, October 6. Our boys found the opposition just a little too strong for them, although the F.T.S. play improved as the game progressed.

The boys made the trip by chartered bus, and this is noteworthy, because it is the first time since Pearl Harbor that war conditions have made this possible. As transportation becomes available, our normal peacetime trips and excursions will be once more enjoyed.

The good sportsmanship and kindness shown our football squad by the Cohasset high school students and townspeople was exceptional. In spite of the adverse score, our boys had a pleasant trip.

Most of the recreational interests of the boys was centered on football during the month. Both the senior and the Junior leagues began its series of games, and the Varsity played its first contest. Football games will hold the spotlight through the Thanksgiving season. It is a grand game and deservedly popular with our boys. Two varsity games will be played at Thompson's Island during the month of November.

Hallowe'en is certainly fun night, and our boys enjoy a real old-fashioned party at that time. This year the observance took place in the gymnasium, which was gaily decorated for the occasion. Supper was served at six o'clock, and consisted of sandwiches, doughnuts, pumpkin pie and other Hallowe'en delicacies. Following supper a number of the boys staged an informal program of entertainment, con-

sisting of readings, sketches and stunts. After the entertainment the customary Hallowe'en activities were enjoyed, including varied stunts and contests into which all the boys joined with enthusiasm. No wonder that Hallowe'en has become to be eagerly anticipated as one the "big" nights at F.T.S.

The eighth graders gave an interesting program at Assembly on October 15. Each of the boys prepared an original paper, and most of the topics had to do with activities concerning life at F. T. S. The program was much enjoyed, especially Richard McPhee's bit of satire on the Cohasset-F. T. S. football game.

More News of the Men in Service

RICHARD J. NELSON, '40, has had many interesting experiences while serving in the Pacific. He took part in the bombardment and invasion of Jap-held islands. He writes that he met WINTHROP DAVIDSON '40, a Naval corpsman. Davidson he says, was one of the first to land on Iwo Jima and he stayed there for ten days with but eight hours sleep, performing the duties for which the Naval corpsmen are famous. Davidson was wounded and evacuated. Both Davidson and Nelson had a great time together. Later that day they hunted up Arthur Thibodeau, one of our former pupils and now in the Navy.

SGT. EDWIN W. COLBY, '40, has been on duty in both Europe and in the Pacific area. He was at last reports in Manila. In his last letter he spoke of the pleasure he received from the BEACONS sent him.

PVT. CHARLES H. GRANT, '40, writes from Luzon, where he is now stationed. He is a member of an Airborne unit. Things are quiet there now,

he says. He would appreciate receiving mail from his F.T.S. schoolmates.

STANLEY C. MORTON, '41, writes that he is on sea duty now, and hopes that sailing orders will soon bring him to Boston. In this case, he adds, he'll certainly visit F. T. S.

Monitors' Duties

Each dormitory has four monitors, two on each floor and they help the instructor in charge of the building. In my dormitory the monitors are Wallace Fitt and Leonard Lapham on the first floor, and Sheridan Higgins and myself on the second.

Each morning the monitors call the boys on their floor at 6:15. In the evening they see that the boys are in their rooms and the lights out at 9:00.

During the day the monitors are responsible for the quiet and orderliness of the building. They also see that the boys go to meals and school on time. Once in a while, if one of the boys is sick, the monitors see that his meals are brought to him.

Preston A. Gilmore

Farm Work

Our farm grows all the vegetables that are needed during the winter. We plant in the early spring, and harvest during the summer and fall. After the harvesting we do most of our plowing and put on some of the top dressing.

An interesting part of farming is butchering. Every winter several beeves and pigs are dressed off for our table. The hides of the beeves are sent over town to be made into leather. We have fourteen pigs to butcher this winter and several beeves.

Lawrence F. Finn

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PAUL L. HAMILTON, '33, was inducted into the U. S. Navy late in May. Due to his experience in the Boston Navy Yard for 7½ years, he was given Metal-smith training. He gained eight pounds during boot training, and enjoyed the experience, although the training was hard and the discipline strict.

WALTER J. ROSS, '44, is in Manila. He finished his recruit training last July, and on August 25 he sailed for the Pacific. After 22 days at sea he arrived at the Phillipines. The trip was made on a large ocean liner, which was taken over for Naval use at the outbreak of the war. In nine major invasions this ship had the remarkable record of losing only two men, although three sister ships in the same actions were sunk with heavy loss of life.

Bataan and Corregidor were naturally viewed with considerable interest. Here were fought battles where many brave Americans gave their lives. Now the guns are silenced, and all is peaceful and quiet. Manila Bay is shallow in places, and hulks sunk during the conflict may be easily seen.

Private Ross writes that his outfit has a permanent base now, situated in what was formerly a Jap hospital. It is located in Manila. He says that this once beautiful city is but a mass of rubble now, and even with the tremendous assistance of the U. S. Army, the citizens will have a long and difficult job in the restoration of their capital to its peace time beauty.

SGT. WILLIAM D. DELORIE, '37, writes from Frankfort, Germany, where he is now stationed. He was transferred from the 159th Infantry, which was shipped home. He is now a member of the Band in the 29th Infantry. An Army newspaper includes in its columns the story of this transfer of regiments, and singles out Sgt. DeLorie as typical of the comparatively high point men who are being retained in Europe. The men being held in Germany make the best of it, but all are anxiously awaiting that day when they too will embark for their homes and loved ones.

Being freed of combat duty, and now devoting his entire time to army music, Sergeant DeLorie adds that life is at least a little more pleasant.

PFC FRANK R. ANDERSON, '41, after having served in combat in the terrific Pacific island battles, was returned to his country and stationed in Boston for a time. He is now at a North Carolina Marine Base, awaiting his discharge. Upon his return to civilian life he plans to study music at a Boston school.

ROBERT P. DONNELLY, '42, has completed his boot training at a New York base and is now on leave. He visited us recently and told of his many experiences. All in all, he says, the training period was very valuable. He is not certain as to the length of time he will be in the service, for he entered under wartime conditions. All of the Naval recruits have been told that there is a great deal to do, even if the war is over, and that the work ahead is of extreme importance.

Let's hear from you graduates in the Services real often! We want news of *you* on these pages.

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"Mal" Cameron's Show

It was with much pleasure that we at the School learned that Malcolm E. Cameron, '19, better known as "Mal," was to give his annual program of magic and fun on October 10. We have learned to expect a real evening of entertainment from him, and we certainly weren't disappointed this year. As usual Mrs. Cameron had a prominent part in the show.

Mr. Cameron opened his program with his favorite newspaper trick. Even though some of us have seen this bit of deception many times, it retains its freshness and originality. He seemingly tears a newspaper and then brings it back to its original condition.

A new trick to his F.T.S. audience was the locked box. He selected rings from three members of the audience and after some clever bits of stage business, the rings were apparently lost. Suspended from the ceiling through the act was a small chest. Much to the surprise of all, this chest was found to contain several other chests, which fitted one into the other. All were locked. Everyone was amazed as Mr. Cameron, in his customary genial manner, proceeded to prove that the three smallest chests contained the misplaced rings.

A clever rope trick was performed, in which a knot was made which apparently slid along the rope. Cutting and putting together the rope, with no sign of the cut, was a surprising trick.

One of the favorite tricks with the boys is the firecracker novelty. In this trick Mr. Cameron asks one of the boys to light a firecracker, put it in a metal tube and wait for it to explode. The

firecracker is found to have disappeared and in its place is an American Flag. The firecracker is then discovered pinned to the back of the young assistant.

Mrs. Cameron gave a fine exhibition of mind reading. This included, among other things, the telling of the serial number on a dollar bill. Mrs. Cameron's contribution to the fun of the evening was very much enjoyed.

It was also our privilege to have on the same program a group of Scotch songs by Mr. Angus Ross. Mr. Ross appeared in kilts and his rendition of such typical Scotch songs as "She's the Lass for Me", "Roamin' in the Gloamin'" and "Annie Laurie" were very much appreciated. Mr. Ross also told many humorous jokes and stories which were an important part of the evening's entertainment. We thank him very much for coming to us with his excellent songs and stories.

The entertainment was concluded by Mr. Cameron giving us more of his magic. There were many more tricks not noted in particular in this article, and all of them were given with a touch of deft humor which pleased everyone. Mr. Cameron intends first to amuse and entertain, and he certainly does. He explains honestly that all his work is simply a bit of a trick here and there and by careful observation anyone can see how his tricks are done. Yet we are still mystified!

We thank Mr. Cameron for arranging this splendid entertainment for us. We are grateful also to Mrs. Cameron for her part in the program. We appreciate also the excellent entertaining done by Mr. Ross.



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Thanksgiving

On Thanksgiving Day all of the boys helped do necessary work after breakfast until nine o'clock. Then the rest of the day was free to do as one wished. There were two football games scheduled but they had to be postponed because of the weather.

The big thrill of the day was the wonderful Thanksgiving feast. The tables were arranged so as to seat twelve, with two or three instructors at each table.

After assembling in the dining room in Bowditch House we repeated the School Grace in unison. Then Stephen J. Zevitas read the excellent Proclamation written by Governor Tobin.

The menu for the dinner was centered around roast turkey, with all the traditional holiday fixings. I am told that the smallest turkey weighed 25 pounds. These turkeys, roasted to a delicious golden brown, were flanked by such tasty dishes as mashed potatoes, squash, cranberry sauce, giblet gravy, celery, onions and nuts.

Before beginning the meal one boy at each table was appointed waiter. Then we began to enjoy the dinner, to which we had looked forward for a long time. The problem of who was to get the legs was solved at most tables by letting the youngest boys have them. The meal lasted for nearly an hour and a half, and

everyone had all he wished, which for some was maybe a little too much.

After dessert had been served, which consisted of squash pie, mince pie and plum pudding we left the dining room. Most of the boys listened to the radio and played games during the afternoon.

In the evening we had a movie which everyone enjoyed, because it was about the adventures of Blondie.

Bruce E. Haeger

Looking Forward to Christmas

I look forward to Christmas, as I remember the fine time we had last year. We have a Christmas religious program on the Sunday before Christmas. On Christmas Eve we sing carols.

Later, on Christmas Eve each dormitory has a party and Santa Claus visits to distribute gifts. We go to bed pretty late that night, and upon awakening we find a stocking filled with candy, peanuts and little toys on our beds.

Christmas morning, at about nine o'clock we go to the wharf and meet Santa Claus. We escort him from the boat to the main building. He gives us our presents, which are stacked high around Christmas trees in Chapel.

In the afternoon a wonderful entertainment is given by people from the city. At night we have a special movie show.

Wayne D. Suitor

Some Birds I've Seen Lately

There are many kinds of birds on Thompson's Island. One of the most attractive is the pheasant. Just a little while ago I was riding in the truck on the way to get some beets. When we went onto the beet piece about fourteen large pheasants came out of the grass near the bank, and scattered in all directions. They were very close to us, and were very beautiful. They can run about as fast as any bird on the island.

We have two white owls on the island now, and they usually stay near the pasture. There aren't many white owls here, but every so often we see one. They are interesting to watch, and the boys like to see them.

Ducks are favorite birds of mine also, and in the winter there are many of them around the island. Sometimes the boys find ducks which are sick, and take care of them until they are ready to fly away again.

Paul Calloe

My Room

My room is on the second floor of Dormitory A, on the West side. From the windows I can get a good view of our wharf and watch the boats in the bay. In the distance is Boston, and I can see the big buildings easily. Often at night I watch the lights of the city.

My roommates are Donald Duquet, Ernest Cornish and Harold Hill. They like the room very much too. We have some nice decorations. Our banners make the room look well.

The window draperies and bedspreads have pictures of sailing ships, lighthouses and bouys embroidered on them.

Opposite our room is where Lowell and Paul Keith live. They are the monitors on our floor and they help us a lot.

Jon F. Hines

My Football Team

I play in the Junior league, which is made up of four teams. Each team chooses its own name, usually after some great college team. Our team is named Boston College. We have so far played four games, and have won two and lost two. The players in the backfield are Robert Lucien, Ramsey Porter, Lowell Keith and myself. Eleven other boys are on the squad, and they are linemen.

The best players on the Junior league teams are called to play in the Crosby league, if they show that they can play well enough. Thus many of the smaller boys get a chance to move up into the senior league as the season advances.

The games which we have played have been very close and hard fought. There hasn't been much scoring either. For instance all season our team so far has scored 27 points, while we have had but 13 points scored against us.

The four teams in our league are very evenly matched, and no one can tell yet which team will be champion. Kenneth Duquet is captain of Notre Dame, and his team has won one more game than our team has, and has lost one less. But after Saturday's game this may be changed.

D. Peter Finnegan

The Beacon

The School paper, the BEACON, is published each month by the School, and is printed in our printing office. The articles are written by the boys, and is hand set by the printing office boys. The type is put in galleys, corrected, and made into pages. Then it is put in a chase, or steel frame, and locked with quoins which are small expansion locks. It is then ready to put in the press.

A proof is taken and the form made ready so that it will print. Then a proof it read carefully for errors. When these

are corrected a clean proof is made and sent to the office.

When the final proof is approved the printing takes place. Four pages are printed at a time, and the forms are printed on successive days usually.

The final steps in finishing the BEACON are the folding, stitching and trimming. Then it is delivered to the office, and within a few days sent to the subscribers.

Wiley L. Bishop

Honor Roll — Fall Term

Sophomore Class

Edward W. Finn, 84.6

Leslie L. Goddard, 83

Freshman Class

Robert L. Burton, 91

Wiley L. Bishop, 90.6

Eighth Grade

D. Peter Finnegan, 91

Lauriston L. Crockett, 87.9

Seventh Grade

William E. Kellaway, 90.5

Malcolm C. Wiley, 89.8

Sixth Grade

David W. Simmons, Jr., 93

Donald S. Duquet, 87.5

Thirty-two of the boys received a mark of 90 or over in classroom effort. They were:

Sophomore Class

Edward W. Finn Leslie L. Goddard

Bruce E. Haeger

Freshman Class

Wiley L. Bishop Robert L. Burton

Berton E. Cadorath William D. Gordon

Richard G. Morrill William T. Warfield

Eighth Grade

Kenneth W. Duquet J. Sheridan Higgins

Bertil R. Holmberg William H. Manson

Ramsey G. Porter

Seventh Grade

James L. Angelos Edward P. Doerr

Preston A. Gilmore Charles E. Hotton
George E. Hotton William E. Kellaway
Robert E. Lucien Walter H. Noland
Walter C. Roberts Robert K. Stewart
Malcolm C. Wiley

Sixth Grade

Ernest D. Cornish Donald S. Duquet

Jon F. Hines Thurmond Hood

Theodore L. Jones Richard G. Parlin

David W. Simmons, Jr.

The Jester's Comments

"The Last Room on the Left", a play without music in one titanic scene. The characters are certain Dormitory C boys. The time and setting,—anytime, Dormitory C.

Razoux: (entering Room 2) "Hello, boys. Had a little spare time and just cleaned the basement."

Duquet (from across the hall) "Oh, yeah!"

Goddard: "Gee, I was just going to do that job, Paul".

Duquet: "Oh yeah."

Cadorath: "Ho hum."

Crease: "Well, boys, who'd like some Toll House cookies?"

Harris: "No, thanks, I suggest that no one eat between meals."

Goddard: "I'll have one."

Duquet: "Oh, yeah!"

Cadorath: "Ho hum".

Razoux: "Who said I was going to give out cookies?"

Crease: "I'll give them out. Glad to."

Razoux: (Looking under mattress) "They're gone! Not even the box left".

All: "Harris!"

Harris: "All right, I ate them. There were only a few dozen anyway. But I got a package up the office. And remember our motto: 'All for One. That's me!'"

Duquet: "Oh yeah"

All: "Actions sure speak louder than words." And they certainly did.

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We are grateful that the war has ended and that our boys are now able to look forward to their return to home life and the pursuit of further study or life occupation.

There are many serious problems still unsolved but the tangle will surely unravel with patience, tolerance, cooperation and wise leadership.

The lads still in service are most anxious for a speed-up of release. The folks at home are equally anxious for the happy day of discharge to arrive. It does seem as though the unneeded men in foreign ports could be hastened on their way. Those lads in Brazil and other South American areas should be released from their stations and those in this country who are not to be used should be sent home.

On the home front we are in the midst of a turbulent state of affairs in industry. We assume that the ultimate cost of an article to the consumer consists almost entirely of the cost of the labor of production and distribution. If this is true the retail price should be in accordance with the costs. It seems, therefore, that as either the cost of labor or the retail price is changed the other must be in ratio.

There are millions of farmers and "white collar" workers who should share in any upward trend of income or wages.

The whole economic structure is complicated and difficult to adjust. Every one seems to think the other fellow is getting more than his proportionate share of the material things of life.

Parents, the Clergy, teachers, all have a tremendous responsibility. We live and practice the fundamental principles of a harmonious civilization and by our precepts and continuous efforts lead our youth toward the right ways of living and getting along with others. Christ's teachings cannot be improved upon but adults must

do more than concede this fact. Adults must lead the way. It is impossible to gain ground on this world turmoil by taking the attitude of one non-church-attending mother who said of her Sunday-School attending children that if they wanted to go to Sunday School she guessed it would be all right, that she didn't think it would do them any harm.

Topics in Brief

Thanksgiving Day, November 22, was featured of course by our annual dinner of roast turkey and the other dishes which traditionally make up this holiday feast. Following the School Grace the Governor's Proclamation was read and then everyone enjoyed a perfectly prepared meal which, it seemed, had never been equalled.

The real meaning of the day was uppermost in the minds of all of us. On the Sunday preceding the holiday Mr. Large, our minister, preached a Thanksgiving sermon. The ending of the most horrible war in the world's history brought countless blessings to all of us, and even our youngest lad is mindful of them.

Armistice Day was observed as a full holiday, and the boys enjoyed sports and games, with the real emphasis on two football games between teams of both the Crosby and Junior leagues. In the evening one of the "Blondie" movies was enjoyed.

The sixth graders gave a most interesting program on November 5, dealing with the Victory bond drive now underway. The boys did well on their show, especially the singing, and it was much enjoyed.

Our football season has been of great interest. Our two leagues, composed of

three teams each, and the varsity, have had a busy schedule. During the fall season contests have been scheduled weekly and games will be continued to be played as long as the weather remains suitable. Football is a tremendously popular sport with our boys.

The Alumni Association held a most successful Victory Banquet at the Hotel Gardner on November 14. Attending from the School were Headmaster William M. Meacham, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thomas, Mr. B. Y. Kihlstrom and Mr. Robert R. Kitching.

Our Boy Scout troop has had several interesting meetings recently. The troop numbers thirty, which will be increased by five when these boys reach their twelfth birthday, the minimum age for membership. The Scouting program interests all of our boys, and particularly the younger ones.

A comic debate was given by the Sophomore Class on November 19, and the eighth grade followed one week later with a quiz program. Both of these were entertaining, and were a part of the Assembly program for the week.

Many of our graduates are receiving their discharges from the armed forces, and almost from day to day we hear that another of our men is again a civilian. It is certainly a pleasure to once again greet these graduates, and a visit to Thompson's Island is a "must" on their calendar of important future events.

The joy and happiness which these men reflect is somewhat tempered by the fact that the return to civilian pursuits brings serious and grave problems. We believe that these new situations will be

met, in most instances, with proper consideration of their merits and values. It is certainly good to have our boys back with us.

The following resolution on the death of Edward Wigglesworth, late vice president of the Board of Trustees, was adopted by the Board.

EDWARD WIGGLESWORTH

Became a member of this Board in 1923, succeeding his cousin, Richard Bowditch Wigglesworth. He was elected vice president of the Board in 1933, and served as such until his death on May 6, 1945. A descendant of Edward Wigglesworth, who came to Charlestown in 1638, he was the seventh Edward Wigglesworth, in as many generations, to graduate from Harvard College. Mr. Wigglesworth devoted his life to scientific, educational and humanitarian interests. Also in World War I he served as assistant to the State Food Administrator, and in World War II he served on the Essex County Draft Appeal Board. A member and an officer in many learned societies, he yet found ample opportunity to give unstinted service to the Farm and Trades School. He rarely missed a meeting of this Board, and he served on many of its committees. He served on the committee for the erection of Adams House, and of Bowditch and Hayden Foundation Buildings at the School, and he was of inestimable aid in the development of the school's splendid Guernsey herd. Modest in manner, his genial presence, his wide knowledge and his sound advice will be missed from our meetings. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this memorial be spread upon our records, and a copy hereof be sent to his family.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, November 1855

As kept by the Superintendent

5. Rec'd of F. A. Benson the past week 50 tons of coal and 8 cords wood.

9. Florence Carter went home to his friends. Mr. Morse slaughtered two hogs the first this season.

10. Robert D. Bussey was sent to Mr. A. J. Gould, bookbinder in Andover.

14. Deacon Grant accompanied by Rev. Mr. Caswell came down in the Mayflower and took the school on an excursion down the harbor around George's, Rainsford, and Long Islands and then passed up as far as the Navy Yard.

Sewing Room

Jon Hines and I are the afternoon sewing room boys. We report for work at quarter past one. Usually we fold the boys' clothes and put them in the baskets. If they need buttons we sew them on. If they need more mending our instructor does them on the machines. We sort the stockings, and roll them in pairs. Then we take the clothes that are all ready to the dormitories. We are then dismissed and go play.

Ernest D. Cornish

Dining Room

Every afternoon I have the job of helping six other boys in the dining room. The first thing I do is to clear my share of the tables. All the dishes that have to be washed are scraped and put in piles on a cart. Then the cart is wheeled to the serving room, where the boys who run the dishwashing machine are. The next thing I do is to wash my tables good and clean. Then I set my tables for supper. It takes about an hour to do this, and then I am dismissed.

Theodore L. Jones

News of the Service Men of The Farm and Trades School

We like to have you graduates in the armed forces consider the BEACON as a letter from home. We are glad to send it, for we know it is appreciated. This page is reserved especially for you. Please advise us of changes in rank, address, and news of yourselves.

Following, in part, is a letter from Staff Sergeant Kenneth C. Caswell, '33, which will interest our readers.

Camp Plauche, New Orleans, La.
September 7, 1945

Dear Mr. Meacham:

"Will you please forward to me at your earliest possible convenience a complete transcript of my school record while a student at F. T. S. As you may recall, I was a member of the "Century Anniversary Class", the Class of 1933.

"This transcript is necessary to facilitate arrangements now being made for my entry into the University of Notre Dame following completion of my army service.

"You may be interested in a brief resume of my army career which now totals 32 months service, all of which has been in the States, because of limited service assignment. The average GI would consider me fortunate, but I hold the opposite view. Spent the first 22 months with the Antiaircraft Artillery, during which time I was stationed in three different states, California, Massachusetts and Georgia. As the tide of the War turned from defensive to offensive action, AA men became more and more surplus. I finally obtained a general service classification five months ago and was transferred to the training camp I am now in, which is an installation of the Army Transportation Corps—the branch known as 'the bloodstream of the Army'. Three

months ago after I had been given the necessary redeployment training for the Pacific, I was reported to the War Department as available for overseas replacement service. I, along with many other NCO's are still 'sweating it out'. To date, no shipping orders have been sent by the War Department. Like millions of other GI's, my future in the Army is very uncertain. Expect I will be eventually assigned to the occupation forces for Japan.

"At this time, I wish to thank you and all the instructors and friends of F. T. S. for all the swell Christmas packages I have received while in service. Also, for many copies of the BEACON I have received. Always read them from cover to cover and enjoyed all the articles. Brought back many pleasant memories. The more I experience in life, the more I can sincerely say I am thankful I had the opportunity to attend F. T. S. for six years, particularly from a character-building standpoint.

"Please convey my best wishes to all the instructors of "33" who are still at the School. I hope it will be possible to visit the school in the near future and renew all the old acquaintances. Really looking forward to that".

Sincerely yours,
Kenneth C. Caswell

DOUGLAS M. BASHAW, '40 received his Naval discharge early in December. He plans to attend a Boston radio school.

At the November meeting of the Alumni Association RAYMOND THOMAS, '26, was elected President and CLIFTON E. ALBEE '21, Secretary. The complete list of newly elected officers, and the several committees for the new year will be printed in an early issue of the BEACON.

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Hyde Park, Mass.

CLYDE W. ALBEE, '33, has received his Naval discharge and is anticipating again resuming civilian work at the United States Naval Station, in Boston. He had an interesting time as a Seabee, and has visited many of our Pacific bases.

CHRISTOPHER MACFADDEN '26 was married on October 7, 1945 to Nancy Priscilla Wilson, at the monastery of the Society of St. John the evangelist, 981 Memorial Drive, Cambridge. Rev. Dr. Mercer William, Superior performed the ceremony. The couple were given a reception following the ceremony in the guest house of the Monastery and went by automobile through Canada and New York State. They live in Brookline. Christopher and Nannie were babies and little children together at St. John's House, Arlington Heights. Christopher went to live with the Cowley Fathers before going to the Farm and Trades School.

Congratulations to Private and Mrs. James J. Macdonald, '41, upon the arrival of Sue Ann, born October 31, 1945.

DAVID G. HAEGER, '42 completed a year of pre-induction college training under the government plan then in effect. When he reached his eighteenth birthday he was inducted and received his basic training at Camp Blanding. He is now at an Indiana base studying finance. He expects to go overseas, although the certainty of his future army career is unknown to him. He visited us on December 8.

ROBERT P. DONNELLY, '43, S 2-c, has written an interesting letter from the West coast, where he is a member on the U. S. S. General Ernest. He wanted to visit Linwood L. Meacham, '41, U.S.N., but lack of time prevented this. Donnelly expected to sail for China to bring back military and naval personnel. He saw some of the beauty of the West, but had rather a discouraging time in the state of Washington, for it rained quite steadily during his stay there.

CWO GEORGE D. RUSSELL, '25, visited the School recently. He was on duty in the European theater for some time. He is now stationed at Camp Polk, Louisiana.

F1-c WILLIAM D. BERNARD, '42 is looking forward to a Naval discharge next spring, when he hopes to continue his formal education. He has seen some submarine duty. His older brother Eliot, Class of 1938 has received his Naval discharge after 43 months service, with more than three years of this time being spent overseas.

SGT. WILLIAM F. ANDERSON, '25, was a recent visitor and spoke of his experiences in Europe. He had some excellent photographs showing the results of war-time bombing. He plans to attend school near Boston and study some phase of Advertising, in which business he was engaged prior to his Army enlistment.

WILLIAM B. PRATT, '39, has received his Naval discharge. He hasn't yet decided definitely what he will do as a civilian. He was a recent visitor.



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The Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert was given in Chapel on Sunday evening, December 23. The pageant play, "Follow the Star" was given by a cast of eighteen boys, and a choir of fourteen furnished the music.

The story of the play deals with the experiences of a young married couple spending their honeymoon in the Bethlehem of today. While visiting the Inn the scenes of yore were presented to them, and their faith was richly rewarded. The play, written by Karin Sundelop-Asbrand, treats of the Christmas story in an inspiring though unusual, manner.

Those who had parts in the play deserve much credit for a fine portrayal. The choir sang ten selections, including many beautiful Christmas carols, and the singing of the boys was especially good.

The cast of characters, and the names of those in the choir follows:

FOLLOW THE STAR

Cast of Characters

MOTHER MARY . . Bruce E. Haeger
FATHER JOSEPH William D. Gordon
MARY OF TODAY . Wiley L. Bishop
JOSEPH OF TODAY Edward W. Finn
INNKEEPER . . . Leslie L. Goddard
ANGEL GABRIEL . Leonard N. Lapham

ANGELS

Paul D. Keith George W. Bourne
David W. Simmons, Jr.

SHEPHERDS

Richard G. Morrill Harold W. Kew
John S. Higgins

KING GASPARD . Richard E. Duquet

KING MELCHIOR . Robert B. Morrill

KING BALTHAZAR Maurice E. McAllister

ATTENDANTS TO KINGS

Albert C. Roberts Edward L. Melvin
Thurmond Hood

Members of the Choir

Paul W. Horton

J. Lowell Keith

Robert A. Patterson

William T. Warfield

Lauriston L. Crockett

David P. Finnegan

Robert Dickson

Edward P. Doerr, Jr.

Lawrence F. Finn

David B. Furbish

William E. Kellaway

Robert K. Stewart

Wayne D. Suitor

Harold W. Hill

Selections Sung by the Choir

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

The Radiance Shone Over Bethlehem

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Christmas Lullaby

The First Noel
 Silent Night
 Joy to the World
 Follow the Star
 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Award of Prizes

The Shaw Prizes and the Temple Consolation Prizes, which have been given for the past fifty-seven years for excellence in effort were awarded early in December. These are given every six months, and consist of cash prizes for the Shaw awards and books for the Temple Consolation prizes. Six boys, who came to the school in September were given special prizes for their good work.

Those who won the Shaw prizes were:

- 1st Stephen J. Zevitas
- 2nd Robert E. Lucien
- 3rd J. Sheridan Higgins
- 4th Harold W. Kew, Jr.
- 5th Charles E. Hotton, Jr.
- 6th A. Wallace Fitt
- 7th Wiley L. Bishop
- 8th William D. Gordon III
- 9th Paul D. Keith
- 10th David W. Simmons, Jr.

Those who were awarded Temple Consolation Prizes were:

- 11th Robert I. Sleeper
- 12th Robert L. Burton
- 13th Burleigh M. Pratt
- 14th George E. Hotton
- 15th William H. Manson

The following received honorable mention:

- 16th Berton E. Cadorath
- 17th Robert B. Morrill
- 18th Richard E. Duquet
- 19th Harold D. Lowery, Jr.
- 20th Kenneth W. Duquet

The following were given special prizes:

- Ernest D. Cornish
- Harold W. Hill
- Jon F. Hines
- Jeremy A. Hixon
- Thurmond Hood
- Albert C. Roberts

Our School

The Farm and Trades School is a good school because it has about everything a boy could want. We play tennis, football, basketball, baseball and other kinds of games. Every weekend our minister takes us on beachwalks, too.

On weekdays we go to school for four hours, work four hours in a department and play four hours. During play hours there are many things we can do. Now about everyone plays basketball.

There is almost always some activity at night. On Sunday we have church, Monday assembly, Tuesday basketball, Wednesday scouts, Friday band and on Saturday evening we have a movie show.

There are three classroom teachers and classes begin at the sixth grade. When the tenth grade is finished the boys graduate. In the work departments there is an instructor for each place. I came to the school in September and since then I have been working in one of the dormitories.

George W. Bourne III

Dormitory "A" Christmas Party

About two weeks before Christmas the boys in our dormitory had a meeting. The names of all the boys in the house were written on slips of paper, and then we each took one. We got a Christmas present for the boy whose name we took.

On December 24, in the afternoon, we had a big Christmas party. About half past two Mr. Meacham, Mrs. Meacham and Joyce came to our house and we showed

them through our rooms. Then we went into the game room in the basement. Santa Claus was waiting and shook hands with each of us.

The game room was decorated with green and red streamers and there was a Christmas tree. The presents were first given out. Harold Lowery was the Santa Claus and he called each of us to get our present, unwrap it and show everyone what we got.

After the presents were all given out we had refreshments of sandwiches, punch and candy. We gave Santa Claus three cheers and then the party was over.

Thurmond Hood

Winter Sports

All the boys like winter sports and we have all the popular ones at F.T.S. Many of the boys have skis, and after every snowfall a ski trail is made from Bowditch house down the slope to the East beach. Another favorite sport is coasting, and the front avenue will give any rider a thrill. When the snow is heavy enough we can go from the main building to the boat dock. Nearly everyone likes to go skating, and there are two areas for this sport. So far this winter there has been some skating, but not as much as we'd like.

If the weather is warm and outside sports cannot be enjoyed, the gymnasium is crowded with basketball players. The boys like this indoor game in the winter time, but if a vote were taken it would be found that outdoor snow and ice sports would be preferred.

Paul Calloe

Band Notes

Our band has rehearsals after supper each night, but our best rehearsal is on Saturday morning. Our bandmaster, Mr. Warren, comes and the rehearsal

lasts two hours. Last Saturday morning the band began rehearsing the music which it hopes to play at its Spring concerts.

More than half the boys in the band have joined since last Graduation. We first played very easy music, and gradually learned more difficult pieces. The overture we began learning at our last rehearsal is the hardest overture that we've played this year.

The last half of our rehearsal is taken up by practicing street marches. We memorize three or four marches, and this means that we don't have to use street lyres or have any music books on parades.

William Littlejohn, one of the graduates and a baritone player in an army band visited us and played some baritone solos which all the band boys enjoyed.

There are forty players in the band now, and some beginners are working hard so as to make the different sections of the band complete.

The advancement of the band is slow but steady, and in May our group will be equal to the usual F. T. S. band, which is very good indeed.

Bruce E. Haeger

Campus Notes

A trip to an intown theater was enjoyed by a group of boys on December 22. This was at the height of the holiday season and the boys certainly enjoyed the holiday excitement and seeing the tremendous crowds which surged through the streets.

One of the minor games which the boys have enjoyed during the fall months is ping pong. Each dormitory has equipment for the game and interest in the sport runs high. We hope to run tournaments for each building, and have playoffs to determine the F. T. S. champion.

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Almost every day our lads who gave their best to the service of our country return to civilian life and invariably make a call on their alma mater. The happiness of these occasions is indeed mutual.

The boys waste no time in re-establishing themselves in civilian life. Some quickly enter business and industry. Some buy a farm. Many are continuing their education at various schools of higher learning. Several are being joined in wedlock with the girl of their choice. Our boys are definitely America's best citizens. If the world could be filled with this type of man chaos, greed, selfishness, crime, war and all the other man made troubles would cease to exist.

And then we still have a fair number in the various military forces all over the world. These men are still doing important work and every one of them has a rating indicating their ability and value in their various organizations.

The Farm and Trades School can well be proud of its boys. It is with pardonable pride that we point to them as the best in the Land.

Dr. Edward F. Timmins

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Dr. Edward F. Timmins, who has been our school doctor for nearly twenty years and was serving in that capacity at the time of his death.

Dr. Timmins was recognized as a leader in the field of medicine and was well known throughout Boston for his work as supervising school physician. His interests lay in many fields however, and he was particularly well versed in history, art, music and literature.

We at Thompson's Island will miss him greatly. We extend our profoundest sympathy to Mrs. Timmins and their family.

Topics in Brief

The 1945 football season was one of real interest, and it ended during the month, with championship honors in the Crosby league being won by the Raiders, Stephen J. Zevitas, captain. In the Junior league the Notre Dame team, captained by Kenneth W. Duquet won top honors. The varsity played three games. It was a long season, but the interest held up well, and nearly every boy played on one of the six teams.

Each of the boys had an opportunity to spend a day in town with his friends in mid-December. Naturally the boys enjoyed the holiday, although they were amazed at the huge crowds doing Christmas shopping and the prices of goods on sale.

The boy scout troop held an impressive investiture ceremony during the month. At this time many of the boys who came to the School in September became members of the troop.

Late in the month, many of the boys who achieved a high rank in conduct enjoyed a five-day vacation with their parents. Many of them enjoyed the entertainment spectacles at the Boston Garden, including the "Ice Capades".

Christmas at the School was a joyful season for all of us. The religious play "Follow the Star" was beautifully enacted in our Chapel on December 23, with thirty-two boys taking part. The singing of the boys' choir was outstanding.

On Christmas Eve twenty boys visited each of the dormitories and sang Christmas carols. The carolers were invited to have refreshments at the Adams House, where Headmaster and Mrs. Meacham entertained.

After the carol singing each of the dormitories held a Christmas party, and the program for each of these parties varied. However, it was a time of great merriment, and all of the boys enjoyed these individual house parties.

The distribution of gifts was made on Christmas morning. Santa Claus, in the person of Weston O. Page, '38, arrived on the Pilgrim III at 9:15. He was royally escorted to the main building by the boys and without delay commenced his business. Huge stacks of gifts were waiting his attention, and even with a corps of six assistants it took him an hour to complete his job.

In the afternoon a professional entertainment was to have been given, but travel conditions made it impossible for the entertainer to reach Boston. This entertainment will be given at a later time.

A fine motion picture show was enjoyed in the evening. Thus did the truly enjoyable holiday end. It was certainly a most happy time for all of us.

Plenty of snow during December made it possible for the boys to enjoy winter snow sports to the utmost. The front avenue became heavily snow-packed and the coasting there went on during every available spare period which the boys had. Those who enjoy skiing and there are many, made a ski trail and greatly enjoyed this recreation. There was also skating in the area south of the storage barn.

The radio feature, "Six Bells", heard each Sunday afternoon, is written and produced by our good friend, Edward Rowe Snow. Mr. Snow has studied the maritime history of New England, and has a wealth of historical fact which forms

the basis of this weekly dramatized program. It has been our good fortune to have heard Mr. Snow lecture and he has visited our School innumerable times in quest of authentic information to use in the many volumes he has written.

The American Magazine for February contains a full page picture of Mr. Snow, together with an article describing his work. It is well worth reading.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, December 1855

As kept by the Superintendent

31. At the beginning of the year, there were ninety-six boys at this school. Since that time, forty-six have been admitted and an equal number have gone away. Sixteen of these were sent to places in the country and thirty returned home to their friends.

The present number of boys is ninety-six; of whom twenty-eight have both parents living; six have only a father; forty-nine have a mother; and thirteen are orphans.

Three are under seven years of age; nineteen are between eight and ten; twenty-seven are between ten and twelve; thirty-five, between twelve and fourteen; eleven, between fourteen and fifteen; and one is fifteen years old.

Our Dormitory Party

On Christmas Eve those in our dormitory, which is "B", had a party. We assembled in the sitting room at 7:45 and chose one of those present to act as Santa Claus. Darwin Baird received this job and he began giving out the presents.

It took quite awhile for Santa to give out the gifts, because a lot of them were joke presents and we all had a good laugh over them. Each present was opened so that we all could see it. Each of the boys had drawn names so that everyone got

one present, and there were also extra gifts on the tree for some.

After the gifts were all taken care of the party adjourned to the recreation room where a cheerful fire was burning in the fireplace. Tasty refreshments were served consisting of frankforts, ice cream and punch. There was plenty for all, and most of the boys had second helpings.

We were through with our party about half past nine, and some of the boys went to bed, while others chose to stay up. The radio programs were very good that night and some listened until a late hour.

Wiley L. Bishop

Additional Alumni Notes

FREDERICK S. VERY, '33, has received his military discharge, and is at home now at Belchertown, Mass. He intends to contact his F. T. S. associates very soon. His mail address carries route number R. F. D. 11.

THEODORE B. HADLEY, '21, has been pastor of a Somersworth, N. H. church for the past several years. He is a graduate of the Bangor Theological Seminary and Middlebury College. He received his M. A. degree from Middlebury College in 1933.

W. MARSHALL HALL, '27, has been employed for sometime by the Railway Express and was recently promoted to agent. His interest in music has never waned, and he is a member of several musical groups in Boston and vicinity.

SGT. WILLIAM LITTLEJOHN, '36 has been transferred to Westover Field, and is playing baritone in the band stationed there. Many of our graduates have been former members of this identical army band. He was a recent visitor.

HOWARD E. KEITH, '22, has returned to Wolfeboro, N.H., after having spent the war years in shipyard construction work at a Hingham plant.

News of the Service Men of The Farm and Trades School

We like to have you graduates in the armed forces consider the BEACON as a letter from home. We are glad to send it, for we know it is appreciated. This page is reserved especially for you. Please advise us of changes in rank, address, and news of yourselves.

REGINALD D. RANDALL, '32, has returned to civilian pursuits, having been processed out of the service on December 5, at Fort Devens. He saw service in the European theater of operations, and was then shipped to Okinawa. Fortunately his stay in the Pacific was brief.

We have received a very interesting letter from EUGENE R. LURCHIN, '30. On December 5 he received his discharge from the armed forces. He was with the American Division and saw service on Guadalcanal, Bougainville and in the Philippines. He was in Yokohama on Armistice Day, and left that day for the States. He arrived at Fort Lewis, Washington on November 21. His 1945 Thanksgiving Dinner at this base will long be remembered, for it was served by German prisoners of war. He hopes to visit us very soon. Just now he is busy getting back in civilian stride, which any ex-servicemen will declare presents many problems. His home address is 206 Washington St., Lynn, Mass.

ROY M. DOLE '35, we are happy to report is out of the service after serving in the Aleutians. His address is 23 Laurell Street, Greenwood, Mass.

DOUGLAS M. BASHAW, '40, is a Radio Technician 2-c in the U. S. N. R. He enlisted on May 24, 1942 and did his boot training at Newport, R. I. He saw action in the Pacific and has eight battle stars; also the World War II Victory Medal, the American Theatre Medal,

the Asiatic-Pacific Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He visited the School recently.

WILLIAM P. DUFAULT, '41, has received his service discharge, and is anticipating operating a farm in New Hampshire. Many of our graduates have similar hopes. The government is doing much to bring these hopes to reality, and we do expect to have many of our former servicemen begin life anew in some agricultural field.

CHARLES PECCE, '40, and JOHN DUNN, '39 have sent us a photo as they appeared in a popular restaurant on the West coast. The picture surprised us in more ways than one. We were overjoyed to notice Dunn apparently in the best of health after suffering a most serious and severe accident. And the poem we learned in grammar school which began "Behold the forest primeval" came back to us upon observing the luxuriant full beard sported by Pecce. This picture showing F. T. S. fellowship on the West coast is certainly appreciated!

GERARD W. HARRINGTON '45 S2c, has finished his Naval boot training. He was on leave recently and visited the School. Upon return to his base he will learn what his future duties will be.

His brother Joseph F. Harrington, '43 is also in the Navy, and is at Pearl Harbor. Perhaps they will meet at some distant port.

WILLIAM J. KLAILA, '41, whose marriage was noted in these columns some months ago, has received his Naval discharge and he and Mrs. Klaila are now living at 84 Walsh Street, Medford, Mass.

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V. Herbert Gordon, '15, of the firm of Gordon & Sutton, Contractors and Builders, has been elected Vice-President of the North Adams Savings Bank. He has been a trustee since 1932 and a member of the board of investment since 1941.

Congratulations to WALTER J. ROSS, '44 upon his promotion to the rank of Sergeant. He is stationed in the Philippines.

JAMES PATTERSON, '43 is in the Merchant Marine, and makes us a visit between voyages. He crossed the Atlantic several times. He has had an opportunity to see much of life in foreign lands, and has visited many places of unusual interest.

Our thanks are extended to the many servicemen and other graduates who sent us Christmas greetings. We began receiving lovely holiday greetings early in December and they came from all over the world.

James H. Jardine, a former instructor, is now out of the service. He visited us recently. He saw considerable service in the Philippine Islands.

S-SGT. WILLIAM D. DELORIE, '37, sends frequent greetings to his Thompson's Island friends. He is now in Frankfurt, Germany. We note that his outfit is listed as one which will be headed home in the near future. Hurrah!

RUSSELL BARTHOLOMEW GARFIELD '36, has made a reenlistment, and is now a pilot in the Air Transport Command. He would like to hear from his F. T. S.

friends. His address is: Lt. R. B. Garfield, Apt. 650-K7, Bays Vista, Rodeo, Cal.

LOUIS A. TOWNE, '45 is a member of the crew of the U.S.S. Fargo, which was commissioned recently in Philadelphia. Life in the Navy is to his liking and he writes interestingly of it.

THOMAS L. ABBOTT, a former herdsman here, has returned from China where he served as a Lieutenant in the U. S. Army. He and his wife are making their home in Vermont, and Mr. Abbott has returned to his favorite occupation, farming.

Some time ago Lieut. Abbott sent each of us here at the School Chinese paper money, which is an interesting souvenir of the war.

FRANK L. WASHBURN, '83, who is spending the winter in Florida sent a case of oranges to us, so that everyone on Thompson's Island could have one. We thank Mr. Washburn for his holiday gift.

The applications for membership in the Alumni Association have now been received from every member in the Class of 1945. The applications not already acted upon will receive attention at the May meeting of the Association.

GEORGE H. BRUCE, JR., '45, began attending high school in Boston last September. In November, we regret to state, his mother died. He remained in Boston for a time, but has recently gone to Hollis, N. H., where he has resumed his high school work.



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Recreation in "C" Dormitory

Each of the dormitories has two large rooms in the basement which are used for general recreation of the boys in the building. One of these rooms has a ping pong table, and this room isn't used for other things unless we take the table down. This doesn't happen often because ping pong is a favorite game. The other room is larger than the ping pong room, and is equipped with a small bowling alley and pool table. Most of the boys play pool in their spare time.

On Wednesday night we do craft work. We have equipment to make rings, bracelets, paper knives, and other handy, useful articles out of plastic material or metal. Many of the boys have decorative pins, which look well on a coat. All the boys enjoy craft night.

We have many other games which we play when we wish such as Checkers, Monopoly and Electric Football. Some also like to work on jig saw puzzles.

I am very glad that I live in Dormitory C, and have the opportunity of doing these things.

Paul Calloe

Varsity Basketball Practice

Every afternoon the varsity basketball squad practices. The squad just now includes those who are trying to make the team. Our coach, Mr. Thomas,

teaches us the different ways of shooting goals. We practice defense plays and offense plays. Our coach has various ways in teaching us to get angle shots and some of the boys become quite skillful in scoring from almost any angle.

After a few weeks of practice our coach will announce the lineup of the first team. We have thus far this season scheduled six games and we are looking forward to them.

Bruce E. Haeger

My Favorite Holiday

I am looking forward to February 22nd. A few days before this holiday the boys pick up captains who lead two armies in a snowball battle. The armies are called Indians and Settlers.

Each army has a fort about eight feet high, and makes snowballs to use for ammunition. These are stored in the fort. Each army has an equal number of small sacks which it is given to guard. The object of the game is to capture the opponents' sacks.

The fight is in three parts, with each army attacking and then a charge by both armies.

After the battle the winning team has refreshments of cocoa, doughnuts, cookies, fruit and candy. The name of the army is engraved on a silver cup.

Richard G. Perlin

Basketball Season

About two weeks ago we chose teams for the basketball season. There are four teams which compete for the Shield and trophies awarded by Trustee Philip S. Sears. The captains of these teams are: Richard Duquet, Maurice McAllister, Sheridan Higgins and Harold Lowery. There is a league of younger boys called the Nut League, and these boys compete for a silver cup. The captains in this league are Lauriston Crockett, Howard Jennison, Arthur Powers, Lowell Keith Thornton Lauriat and Peter Finnegan.

The teams have already begun their games, and altogether they will play forty-eight games. Tuesdays and Saturdays are basketball days.

The basketball game is enjoyed by everybody, and almost anytime during the day some of the boys are in the gymnasium practicing.

D. Peter Finnegan

Boy Scouts at F. T. S.

The Boy Scouts have a meeting every Wednesday night. The first thing we do is to salute the Flag, and then we are led in repeating the Scout Oath and Law. The boys lead in these things. Then we talk about what we are learning in Scouts. After this we play games. Last week we played Relay Basket Shooting, and Dodge Ball. The meetings are usually over by nine o'clock.

Donald S. Duquet

Dormitory Basements

In 1941 three identical brick dormitories were constructed at our school and they are called the Hayden Dormitories, because the Hayden Foundation paid a large share of the cost. These buildings are called "A", "B" and "C". Each accommodates 28 boys and four instructors.

In the basement of each dormitory

there are ten rooms. There are two locker rooms, where each boy has a steel locker in which he keeps his boots, overalls, skates, games and toys. Adjoining the locker rooms is a lavatory. Opposite the locker rooms is the service room. The two largest rooms in the basement are game rooms, and the largest of these has a red brick fireplace. A small room is used exclusively for photography, and those interested in this hobby have an ideal place to work. A small kitchen, equipped with a pyrofax gas stove, is used for preparing refreshments for house parties. The other two rooms in the basement are used for laundry work.

The basement corridor is covered with heavy battleship linoleum, and the rooms have cement floors painted red.

Wiley L. Bishop

Sunday School Competition

Every week the boys are given Bible verses to memorize, and at Sunday School our minister, Mr. Large, finds out how many boys have learned them. Those who know them earn points for their side. There are two teams with the boys in Bowditch and A House on one team and the B and C Building boys on the other. So far the A and Bowditch boys have the most points.

Harold W. Hill

An Auction

The boys in the graduating class wanted to increase the class treasury, so an auction was held. Everyone who had clothing, books, games, skates, or most anything that he didn't want, gave it to the class. One night all these goods were placed on two large tables in the assembly hall and sold to the highest bidder. Some boys were fortunate in getting worth-while

things at real bargain prices, while others spent more than they should. The result was that the class got their bank balance increased considerably and a vast amount of goods changed hands.

Coasting

The coasting at our School has been very good this winter. We most always coast on the avenues where we can sometimes almost go to the end of the wharf. When the snow melts from the avenues we find some other place to coast. We have a good slide now which goes from in back of our dormitory to the beach. Sometimes two or three boys go on a sled at a time, and they spill over going around corners. The place where we slide now is frozen hard and we go like bullets.

Thurmond Hood, Jr.

Our Assembly Program

Every Monday the classes take turns in presenting a program at Assembly, which is designed to be both entertaining and educational. Our class, the Freshmen, gave the program last Monday. We wanted to have something different and decided on an all-musical program. We have twenty-five boys in our class and nearly all of them play some instrument so we organized a class band. Then four of the boys prepared duets on their instruments. Two short quizzes, with sophomores as contestants made our plans complete. We then rehearsed the different parts for a little over a week, to get our entertainment as nearly perfect as we could.

Our program was given on January 28. It opened by the class band playing a spirited march, the "Standard Bearer". Then Harold Lowery and Theodore Warfield played a cornet duet "Beautiful Ohio". William Gordon then took charge of a short quiz program about well known

musical facts. Bruce Haeger and Richard Duquet were called to the stage to match wits, with the former winning by a very close score. The first part of the entertainment was completed by the class band playing the waltz "Wildflowers".

The second half of the program began with another musical quiz and Robert Burton was in charge. Edward Finn won over Leslie Goddard in this, which was to recognize famous songs, when only a small part of the song was played. The melodies were played by different boys in the class band. A clarinet duet by Harold Kew and Richard Morrill was also given in the second half of our entertainment. The program was concluded with the band playing the march "Airways".

The class enjoyed preparing and giving this musical program and the audience liked it very much.

Paul D. Keith

Playing Monopoly

Most of the boys like to play Monopoly. It is a good game and a lot of fun. If the weather is bad outdoors there will be many games going on, and it takes hours sometimes to finish one game. From four to six can play, and one is banker. The object of the game is to buy, sell and trade property. Each player begins with the same amount of money and the game ends when one player owns everything. So far I haven't been lucky enough to win a game but I have hopes!

George W. Bourne III

The making of small articles from plastics and metals has aroused the interest of the boys in "C" Dormitory. Many fine things have already been made, and as material becomes more plentiful more and more will be done with this hobby work.

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Mankind continually strives to fulfill life's purpose, or rather, life's purposes. We are given tremendous assets within ourselves and all about us. Our basic work is to determine the major and minor processes by which we can most nearly develop and utilize our vast resources for the greatest good to all. Only by so doing can we be happy and reasonably satisfied with our brief span of years on this old earth.

Approximately the first twenty years of a human life is and should be used essentially in growth—spiritually, mentally, and physically. During this part of life we should enjoy vigorous life with much play and laughter. We should be able to pursue this pattern of life during all of life's normal three-score years and ten.

Our life work is important. There are a few men who obviously enjoy their vocations. There are many who seem to think that the other fellow's job is better than theirs. The only way to avoid such a calamity is to decide very early in life an occupational goal in accord with one's talents and interests and then be willing to sacrifice temporary pleasures to attain the foundation requisite for that goal.

Chatting with a taxi driver the other day I said, "It is apparent that you know the short cuts in Boston. Must be you have been driving a long time." "Yes, I have," he said. Then he went on to relate his garage experience in the early days of the automobile, and he finally said, "Yes, I could have had my own garage and by now really be doing well but thirty years ago I decided to take the quick and easy cash as a taxi driver and now it's too late to change."

So, the boy should discover his talents by working at many things during his school life time. The young man should determine a goal, and be diligent and persistent in acquiring the necessary

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education, training, and experience. He should then permit nothing to stand in the way of his purpose. In aviation it is an axiom, "Once you have decided upon a spot to land, let nothing change your mind."

Topics in Brief

For many years our former President of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Arthur Adams, provided an entertainment for the School on Christmas Day. Since his death Mrs. Adams has continued this happy custom. This year we were privileged to have Mr. Irwin Williamson, Hollywood deep sea diver and photographer come to us with his program of moving pictures showing the perils which divers face. Although scheduled for Christmas Day transportation difficulties made it impossible for us to have this program then, so it was postponed until January 14. It was indeed well worth waiting for, and very much appreciated.

The game of basketball has become the major indoor sport at F. T. S., and all of the boys enjoy it. The interest is keen, and we have arranged a schedule that we are confident will keep the interest high throughout the winter.

All of the boys play in our intra-mural leagues. The older, more experienced players compete for the Sears Shield and trophies, the former being awarded the championship team and the latter for the best individual play. There are four teams in this league. The remainder of the boys make up the Junior, or "Nut" league and this year there are six teams in this league.

The varsity squad is made up of the outstanding players in the Sears League, and this team plays high school teams in the vicinity of Boston. The team will play six games this season.

The School band has made steady progress during the month. With the end of the War it will be possible for our musical group to once more participate in the State and New England Festivals. For the past five years travel restrictions made it necessary to cancel these annual festivals. These school music festivals are very much worth-while, and our boys are anxious to continue the good work accomplished in them by our band in previous years. Our group usually numbers from forty to fifty players, and is conducted by Mr. Frank L. Warren, who has had this position for twenty-three years.

The winter term of school was resumed on January 2. During the Christmas holiday many of the boys enjoyed a few days at home with their parents. Those at the School had a happy time with sports, games and hobby work.

The weekly moving picture show is happily anticipated by the boys, and we have been fortunate in being able to have some really fine worthwhile pictures during the winter months. We have an RCA 16mm sound projector, and are able to get some of the finest pictures ever made. Pictures are shown weekly on Saturday night, and often on holidays.

Skating and snow sports have been enjoyed during the month as weather permitted. The customary January thaw interrupted these sports for awhile, but then the cold weather set in. The boys hope for tremendous snowstorms and plenty of skating until the spring season arrives.

We welcome James H. Jardine, who has resumed his work here as our boat captain, after having received his discharge from the armed forces.

The Scout troop has had many interesting meetings during the fall and winter months and the interest in Scouting and its ideals is particularly high with our younger boys. The troop numbers thirty boys.

During the school year Assemblies are held each Monday evening. As a part of these assemblies each class takes its turn in preparing a suitable program. The seventh grade, as an instance, on January 21, gave brief biographical sketches of the lives of famous men born during January.

The school band also has an important part in these weekly assemblies. Other musical selections are also heard, and each assembly is opened and closed with group singing.

Announcements and news of importance are given by the Headmaster, Mr. Meacham, and he occasionally speaks on subjects of current interest.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, January 1856

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1. Went to the city with my annual report and brought home with me a number of books for the Library and Henry Dana, about eight years old, born in Vermont. Had a fatiguing time in getting through the ice at Long Wharf.

11. Augusta came home from Bradford via Squantum on the ice.

16. Commenced the boys' writing lessons: this course of lessons making twelve years that I have given my personal attention to that branch in this institution. During the other three years of my connection with the school, the writing lessons have been given by the teacher.

More News of the Men in Service

THOMAS W. EASTTY, '31 is at home at 3 Walnut Avenue, Roxbury, Mass. He was recently discharged from the U. S.

Navy where he served in Atlantic waters. He is back in his civilian work at the Mystic Station of the Edison Company.

SAMUEL O. HALL, '30, has received his discharge from the armed forces and is ready to resume his civilian work when the General Electric labor trouble is adjusted. His home address is 58 Pleasant Street, Medford, Mass.

REGINALD D. RANDALL, '32 is out of the service and anxious to resume contacts with his F. T. S. friends. His address is 162 Boylston St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.

The Jester's Comments

What would F. T. S. be like

—If Harold Lowery wasn't a top-notch milke?

—If Wiley Bishop suddenly became boisterous?

—If Lauriston Crockett stopped singing in "C" Dormitory?

—If Arthur Harris was on time for breakfast?

—If Paul Calloe didn't have his shirttails out?

—If Sergeant Melvin lost a stripe?

—If Walter and Albert Roberts stopped squabbling?

—If Robert Strachan lost his chemistry set?

—If Stephen Zevitas wasn't the school's handy man?

—If James Angelos lost his voice?

—If Bruce Haeger knew his Geometry?

—If Thornton Lauriat couldn't take care of the hens?

—If Robert Burton was separated from the piano?

—If Paul Razoux got up on time?

—If Robert Crease lost his appetite?

—If Leslie Goddard didn't argue?

News of the Service Men of The Farm and Trades School

We like to have you graduates in the armed forces consider the BEACON as a letter from home. We are glad to send it, for we know it is appreciated. This page is reserved especially for you. Please advise us of changes in rank, address, and news of yourselves.

EDWIN COLBY, '40, graduated from Wellesley high school in 1942 and then joined the armed forces, serving in both this country and the Pacific area as a member of the Coast Artillery. He has five battle stars. He was discharged from the service on January 10. He visited us on January 16, and checked up on his high school work here as he anticipates entry to the University of Maine next September. His home address is 5 Emerson Road, Wellesley, Mass.

ARTHUR H. PICKARD, '34, received his discharge from the army at Fort Devens on January 17. He has been on duty in the Pacific area, and was an army musician. He had been a sergeant for some time. He left at once for Alburg, Vermont, where he will enjoy a vacation with his wife and child.

He intends to resume his college work and it is likely that he will attend the University of Vermont.

LEONARD O. PIERCE, '34, was discharged from military service in mid-December. He did not go overseas, but he was a member of an airbourne unit, which toured the country in war bond drives. His home address is 39 Dover Street, Boston.

ELVIN C. BEAN, '36 has been out of the Navy for some time, and is living at 128 Commercial Street, East Braintree, Mass. He expects to continue work in a shipyard, which he did before the war.

DESMOND O. ANDERSON, '21, attended Keene Normal School and shortly thereafter joined the U. S. Army. He is looking forward to an early retirement, having served for nearly twenty years. He will receive mail addressed to him at Epping, N. H.

Lt. Comdr. ERNEST V. WYATT, '13, U. S. C. G., is a graduate of the Massachusetts Nautical Training Schoolship, "Nantucket". Following this training he has followed the sea, either in the Coast Guard or on privately owned vessels. For eight years he was on a oil tanker. He is in Boston at present, waiting to take command of the U. S. S. Covington, a weather patrol ship. He expects to spend the next three months hunting bad weather in Labrador waters.

During the course of World War II he was engaged in anti-submarine and escort duty. This was rough, tough work and he is glad that it is over.

ALBERT G. RICHARDSON, '36, is planning to return to school, and hopes to be admitted to Boston University. He recently received his discharge from the armed services. His address is 4 Ellsworth Avenue, Cambridge, Mass.

JOHN A. PALEY, '29, is another of the graduates who plans to continue his education, after receiving his military discharge. He is to study radio at a Washington, D. C. school.

WINTHROP DAVIDSON, '40, U.S.N., was on leave recently and visited us. He enlisted for a six year term, and this term has two years to run. In the Pacific he did notable work as a corpsman. He has the Purple Heart as well as other awards.

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EDWARD E. ANDREW, '35, has been appointed Sergeant in the Massachusetts State Guard. He plays tuba in a motor squadron band. Only recently did he receive his discharge from the Marine Corps, having taken part in the decisive Pacific engagements. His address is: 126 Conant Road, Melrose, Mass.

DANIEL C. NYMAN, '42, is a graduate of Malden high school and is now attending Harvard College.

WILLIAM D. LEBLANC, '97 was retired from the Boston Police Department on December 28. Mr. LeBlanc was a member of the department for more than 36 years, and was well known as a very capable police detective.

CLARENCE H. COLBURN, '21 is now living in Goaic, N. H. He studied special agricultural courses at the University of New Hampshire after graduating from high school, and has been engaged in operating a farm for the last twenty years.

GEORGE J. ZEVITAS '42, and Mrs. Zevitas are the proud parents of a son, born to them January 14, 1946.

JACK HOBSON, '27 has been engaged in the jewelry business for the past several years. He is married, and lives at 72 Taunton Ave., Norton, Mass.

ALMON H. WHITMORE, '30 was among the many who sent New Year's greetings. His home address is 39 Clinton Street, Cambridge, Mass.

HAROLD K. MALMGREN '39 is now located on the West coast. Mail addressed to the Y. M. C. A. at Santa Ana, California, will reach him.

RUSSELL G. JONES, '37 has been employed as an automobile mechanic for the past four years. His home address is Howe Road, Spencer, Mass.

RAYMOND HADFIELD, a former pupil, is a member of the Boston Police Department, attached to Station 4.

It was our pleasure to have as guests on January 24 five of our younger graduates who have recently been discharged from the armed forces. They arrived at the island in the morning, had dinner, defeated our boys in a basketball game and then spent the afternoon visiting about the school.

They included Murdock C. Moore, '39 who is planning to begin college work next fall; Eugene S. Emerson, '39 who is to begin studies soon preparing himself as a research chemist; Richard J. Nelson, '40 who is to attend school to study chemical engineering; Kenneth M. Walley, '41 who is working at the machinist trade and William J. Klaila, '41 who plans to attend school and study commercial advertising.

These graduates had a great time visiting old, familiar places about the campus and their favorite comment of the day was: "It's great to be home again."

We thank MERTON P. ELLIS, '97, for his gift of magazines for use in the dormitory sitting rooms.



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A Birthday Celebration

It is an annual tradition that on March 2 we have a party, because it is Mr. Meacham's birthday. This year March 2 was a Saturday, and the party was postponed until Monday night.

First on the program was supper. We gathered in the gymnasium at six o'clock. On a long table at one end of the hall were chicken, peanut butter and egg sandwiches and fruit punch. For dessert we had ice cream and cupcakes. Mr. Meacham then cut his birthday cake, which was large enough so that all of us had a helping.

About half an hour later the boys went to the Assembly Hall ready for an informal evening of fun. It was amateur night. First William Kellaway, Robert Stewart and Robert Dickson were heard in a vocal trio. The next two features were songs by Paul Horton and William Warfield. This was followed by Richard McPhee showing his way of playing the piano, for which he received much applause.

Theodore Jones and Robert Stewart continued the entertainment with a clarinet duet. Harold Lowery then played a trumpet solo, which was so good he was asked to repeat it.

Then followed a strange procession. From the back of the hall came two

stretcher bearers, Lowell Keith and Robert Lucien carrying Wallace Fitt. The patient looked as though he was ready for anything. Paul Keith and Lauriston Crockett, two doctors were with the procession. We judged from saws, chisels, and butcher knives that an operation was impending. We were right. By shadows we were permitted to view the operation, which took place behind a lighted sheet. Shadows on the sheet showed all sorts of strange objects being removed from the patient. Finally the stretcher bearers appeared again, and all that was left of the patient was a skeleton. This act was funny and enjoyed very much.

Two of the band boys then played solos on bass horns. Leslie Goddard played first then Berton Cadorath.

Lawrence Finn then walked to the rear of the hall with a package for Mr. Meacham. Mr. Meacham spoke briefly, then opened the package which contained books, a gift from the instructors. He then spoke of Lieut. Thomas L. Abbott, a former instructor who has recently returned from China and is now on terminal leave from the armed forces. Lieutenant Abbott visited us recently and gave Mr. Meacham a quantity of Chinese paper money. Each of the boys suddenly became quite wealthy, as everyone received one of the bills. \$98,000 was distributed (Chinese money).

The whole birthday party was a great success and we all enjoyed it very much.

Wiley L. Bishop

The Snowball Battle

It is a tradition at our School to have a snowball battle each year as part of the observance of Washington's birthday. If there isn't any snow, some other form of outdoor game is devised, but nothing has been found to equal the snowball battle.

This year we waited for snow until less than a week before the battle was to be held. But the ground remained bare, and we gathered in Chapel to choose teams for some kind of a game, probably a treasure hunt. Stephen Zevitas and Edward Finn were chosen leaders and soon every boy was on one side or the other.

During the next day plans were made to divide the Island into zones, and to place in these areas certain cards denoting treasures in points. The armies were to be given clues, and a big treasure hunt held.

On the following day we were overjoyed to have one of the winter's heaviest snowfalls. All plans for the treasure hunt were discarded and the boys set determinedly to work to build the strongest snow forts possible. Stephen Zevitas became King Philip and his army became the Indians. Edward Finn became the General of the Settlers' forces. The boys worked every minute of their spare time building the forts, carrying snow from convenient drifts, and using every available tool. The forts were of the same size, eight feet high by twelve feet square.

Before the battle began the players were given instructions as to the rules of the game. The leaders determined the strategy to be followed and at 2:00 P. M. everything was in readiness for the first attack.

The Indians had their faces painted in warlike fashion and began the battle with a warcry that was startling. The Indians stormed the settlers' fort and it seemed that nothing was to hold them back. But the heavily constructed fort withstood everything that the Indians could do, even though much damage was done, and the period ended with the Settlers in full possession of their war points.

The procedure of the battle was reversed, and the Settlers attacked the Indians with the same older groups participating. The result was the same, although the Indians' fort did not suffer much damage. It seemed that the Indians had sprayed water over the area around the fort, and it had frozen to make pretty slippery going for an attacking army,

The boys who had not taken part in the battle included the younger half of each army and these boys carried on the war. Although it seemed that the Settlers fort would be demolished, the defenders worked harder as the battle progressed. The attack and counter attack produced no points for either army.

Inasmuch as neither army was able to conquer the other in attacks upon the forts it was evident that charges into open territory would determine the winner. The points of the game, represented by small sacks were placed on a line which was the locus of points of both forts.

The full armies then charged for the sacks, which were of definite value. Those of greater value were taken care of by the older boys. The fighting for the sacks was pretty vigorous. The rules of the game was that the sacks must be in the fort to count in the score. The Indians, being more fleet of foot, were able to capture and return to the fort enough points to win. But the period was not up and the Settlers determined to storm the

Indians' fort and get the points. But their attack was in vain, for the Indians protected their points successfully. The final score was 195-85. The Indians ended the battle as they had begun it, with a vigorous war whoop!

Afterwards the winning team was served cocoa and doughnuts. King Philip invited the Settlers to have some of this most welcome refreshment, so all of the boys enjoyed eating and talking about the battle. Later tangerines were given out and the winning team received candy bars.

It was certainly a great battle!

Bruce E. Haeger

Waiting on Table

There are twenty tables in our dining room in Bowditch House, and once each month the seating arrangement is changed and a different group of waiters assigned. During this past month I have been one of the five waiters. Once each week the waiters are given different tables to wait on.

The waiters eat one-half hour earlier than the rest of the school does. After eating those who have not done so change into white waiters uniforms. The food is put on the table by the dining room boys and after the school has repeated Grace and is seated, the waiters work begins.

Coffee and tea is served to the instructors who wish it. The waiters watch for empty serving dishes and take them to the serving room to be refilled. When the time comes dessert is given and all serving platters removed.

Waiting is an interesting experience and a lot of fun.

Paul Calloe

The Sloyd Course

All of those in the eighth grade report to the sloyd room for one period each day,

and if they wish they may continue this work for the following two years. Sloyd is a Swedish course in woodworking, and is very popular with the boys.

The course begins with simple models and gradually more difficult work is done. Each succeeding model teaches the use of new tools, and no two models are the same. The first thing made is a match scratcher, and the only tool used is a knife.

I have just finished making a coat hanger, and I am very proud of it, because I used tools which I had never heard of before. I am now almost half way through the course of twenty-two models. As advancement in the work is made each model is more difficult to make and takes longer to complete. Also the advanced work includes more valuable and useful articles. The last model is a tool chest and when that is finished the maker is always very proud of it.

D. Peter Finnegan

The Jester's Comments

—Here are fifteen names; whose are they? If you can score ten right you are doing well. They are middle names of boys now in the School.

Leon, Wilson, Durkee, Baker, Almar, Clinton, Webster, Woodruff, Allyane, Erik, Elmore, Givan, Moore, Wolfe, and Carey.

—Speaking of names, did you ever realize that many of you have really famous ones? There are former Presidents, Wilson and Arthur, and the great orator Webster; the literary figures Lowell and Irving and the military and naval heroes Nelson and Sheridan. Emperors and Kings are common, what with the Johns, Harolds, James, Stephens and the others. What fun you could have figuring out names which coincide with former English horse thieves or maybe Barbary Coast pirates!

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TODAY

"It is a gloomy moment in history. Not for many years—not in the lifetime of most men who read this—has there been so much grave and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed so incalculable as at this time. In our own country there is universal commercial prostration and panic, and thousands of our poorest fellow-citizens are turned out against the approaching winter without employment, and without the prospect of it.

"In France the political caldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty; Russia hangs as usual, like a cloud, dark and silent upon the horizon of Europe; while all the energies, resources and influences of the British Empire are sorely tried, and are yet to be tried more sorely, in coping with the vast and deadly disturbed relations in China.

"It is a solemn moment, and no man can feel an indifference—which happily, no man pretends to feel—in the issue of events.

"Of our own troubles (in the U. S. A.) no man can see the end. They are, fortunately, as yet mainly commercial; and if we are only to lose money, and by painful poverty to be taught wisdom—the wisdom of honor, of faith, of sympathy and of charity—no man need seriously to despair. And yet the very haste to be rich, which is the occasion of this widespread calamity, has also tended to destroy the moral forces with which we are to resist and subdue the calamity."

When worrying too much about today, remember that the above article is reprinted from Harper's Weekly Vol. 1 Page 642 of the issue dated October 10, 1857, 88 years ago.

Topics in Brief

Six of the boys enjoyed visiting the Sportsman's Show at Mechanics Building on February 8. The various exhibits and displays were of great interest, and the work of the performers in doing outdoor feats was remarkable. The log and wood chopping contests were particularly outstanding.

The traditional snowball battle took place as usual on Washington's Birthday. A heavy fall of snow just two days previous was all that was needed to give the boys

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the incentive to wage a good battle. Forts went up, almost as if by magic, and it is a credit to the builders that each fort withstood all attacks. The battle lasted for nearly an hour and a half before the Indians finally repulsed the Settlers.

The sixth graders provided a program at Assembly on February 4, which included a brief story of famous historical events which happened during February. The eighth graders gave a program on February 11, telling of famous men who accomplished great things during their lifetime, yet were adjudged as almost "crazy" because of their unusual work. The sophomores conducted spelling bees between both of the lower classes, on February 18. The freshmen conducted a quiz program on February 25, which was interesting and very humorous.

The boy scout troop held an interesting religious service on Sunday, February 17. It being Scout week, our boys followed the practice of troops all over the nation by this church service. Several of the scouts had parts, and all did well. Mr. Maynard Large, our minister, assisted with the preparation of the program.

Basketball has been the chief sport of the month and at least five intra-mural games have been played each week. The boys have shown considerable interest this season and competition is keen among the teams. The varsity has had a busy time also, winning from quintets from Melrose, Braintree and an alumni group while losing to the Trinity Church team.

We have had snow enough during the greater part of the month so that the boys had plenty of opportunities to enjoy winter sports. Skiing has gradually become the favorite winter sport and more and

more boys are taking up this excellent recreation. Coasting is very popular also, especially with the younger boys.

Edward Rowe Snow, who has earned a reputation as an authority on historical Boston, and especially the Harbor, visited us on Saturday, February 23. He brought with him a group of about fifty people, who are interested in Boston Harbor, and its history. Mr. Snow lectured in Chapel and followed this with a question and answer period, during which he was asked many questions pertaining to his radio program "Six Bells". Following this, a most unusual event took place. Mr. Snow's first book, "The Islands of Boston Harbor" has long been out of print and the author himself did not possess a copy. Our Headmaster fortunately purchased several copies, autographed by the author, when the volume was first published. It was the happy privilege of Mr. Meacham to present the author, Mr. Snow, with an autographed edition of the author's book. Needless to say, Mr. Snow was delighted and the whole incident was most unusual and gratifying to everyone.

It has been an annual happy custom for the boys to observe the birthday of Mr. Meacham by holding an amateur show. This year the program was entertaining and consisted of a number of musical selections and a comic shadow skit entitled "An Operation". Previous to the amateur show a buffet supper was served in the gymnasium, at which time a huge birthday cake was presented Mr. Meacham. Everyone had a generous portion, which, together with sandwiches, cupcakes, ice cream and fruit punch made the supper into an unusual birthday party. Mr. Meacham received many congratulations. It was his twentieth birthday on Thompson's Island.

On Saturday March 2 the Varsity was defeated by the Trinity Church team, while the F.T.S. Juniors won over the Trinity Juniors. On March 5 our first and second teams were defeated by the Cohasset High School first and second teams. All four of these games were well played and gave us much intensely exciting basketball.

Our Band, under the direction of Mr. Frank L. Warren and Mr. Clifton E. Albee, is working hard preparing for a very busy spring season. The band has made much progress during the school year and is preparing for the Faneuil Hall concert and the school music festivals which are to be resumed this spring, after having been cancelled during the war years.

Our Headmaster spoke at the Braintree Rotary Club March 7. The title of his speech was "Building Men" and he told that group of about fifty Rotarians all about our school and plan of boy development. Mr. Meacham was introduced by John Goodhue '21, a member of that club and well known boat builder.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, February 1856

As kept by the Superintendent

1. Went to the city with F. E. Thayer to meet his mother--crossed the ice direct to S. Boston Point. Joseph R. Grose came over on the ice and stopped until Tuesday, the 5th, when I went to Boston with my monthly report.

10. Fred'k Driscoll and H. Walker came across the ice and spent the day. Religious exercises on this and the last Sabbath by Superintendent and teacher.

15. Henry Barnes had permission to go to the city to attend the funeral of his grandmother.

22. S. E. Brackett and S. G. DeBlois, Esqrs., visited the Island and dined at Mr. Morse's.

Dining Room

Each morning at 6:30 the dining room boys report for work. First we see that the tables are all setup properly, and then we put the breakfast food on the tables. After breakfast we clear the tables and wash them. Then we sweep the floor. Some of the boys have been running the dishwashing machine. We then get clean dishes and set up the tables for dinner.

When this is finished we are dismissed from work until eleven o'clock. Then we get everything ready for dinner.

David B. Furbish

The Scout Church Service

During Boy Scout anniversary week our troop decided to conduct a Church service on Sunday evening, February 17. In most churches it was Scout Sunday, and troops all over the country were taking part in services in their churches.

David Simmons was the announcer for our program. Six other scouts had parts in the service. The program was as follows:

PROGRAM

Hymn—"The Red White and Blue"

Hymn—"God of Our Fathers"

Pledge of Allegiance and Star Spangled

Banner

Harold W. Kew and William H. Manson

Responsive Reading—Malcolm Wiley

Brass Quartet—"God Bless America"

Paul D. Keith Burleigh M. Pratt

Malcolm C. Wiley Stephen J. Zevitas

Piano Duet—"Under the Flag of Victory"

Mr. Kihlstrom Mr. Albee

Scripture Reading and Prayer—Mr. Large

Hymn—"America"

Trombone Solo—"America the Beautiful"

Mr. Large

Talk—"Religious Freedom"

Paul Keith

Hymn—"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Benediction

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JAMES E. MCCARTHY, '41, expects to be discharged from the U. S. Army soon and is making plans to enter the University of Georgia, studying Business Administration. He is stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

JAMES A. BLAIR, a former student has been inducted into the armed forces and is undergoing recruit training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

ROBERT P. DONNELLY, '43, S 1-c, U. S. N. R., is a member of the crew of the U. S. S. General O. H. Ernst. He has been to Japan, Korea, Hawaii and other foreign lands. He is really enjoying his Navy life. He sends words of appreciation for the BEACON, and hopes that his ship will return to the "good old States" sometime in the early summer.

WILLIAM D. LEONARD, a former pupil, is in the U. S. Navy and has visited some of the principal ports in the far Pacific. In his letters he speaks of the almost unbelievable habits and customs of the Japanese people.

WILLIAM F. ANDERSON, '25, is getting ready for college by taking courses at the Lincoln Preparatory School, in Boston. He is investigating the courses of study of two or three colleges, but has not decided just what his future plans will be, except that he wishes to complete his education.

Lieut. THOMAS L. ABBOTT, a former instructor, is on terminal leave, and

visited us on February 25. He was in China, and one of his duties was to take charge of a convoy, which carried supplies on regular schedules. He told many very absorbing stories concerning army life in China, as well as that of the Chinese civilian. He had a few Chinese souvenirs, which were of particular interest. His permanent address is Bellows Falls, Vermont, and he will soon devote his full time to the management of a dairy farm.

LESLIE F. ULOTH, a former pupil, writes often from Okinawa Island. He is in the Navy, and is a Seaman 1st class. He has been stationed on Okinawa for several months. His main diversion is going to the movies, and shows are held every night. Most of the movies are very good, he adds. He misses Christmas and New Years' at F. T. S., and says that they had a good time on Okinawa, but nothing can take the place of the F. T. S. observances. Okinawa weather is cool in January, but on the whole, pleasant.

WESTON O. PAGE, '38 is attending Boston University and is doing work for which he planned a long time. For twenty-seven months he was in the bleak Aleutians and is happy to be back in school again. Before joining the service he completed his freshman college year at Springfield College. He is active in Y. M. C. A. work and helps with the directing of activities of the boys' club of the Melrose "Y". He brought his basketball team here early in the month and a good game resulted, the F. T. S. boys winning by one point.

ROLAND HALLBERG, '41, visited us on March 5. He was on leave from his Naval duties.

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The following article about Bernhard Gerecke '12, appeared in the "Star Journal", L. I., and is reprinted in full.

"Bernhard Gerecke of 64-61 184th St. Flushing, veteran of 10 years as chief engineer aboard a ferry boat shuttling between Staten Island and Manhattan, returned today, a veteran of 91,000 miles in the South Pacific. Gerecke, who wanted to sail the open sea for years, said 'My prayers for a chance to roam through wide-open water were fully answered, thanks to the Merchant Marine.'

"As chief engineer aboard the oil tanker "Abiqua," he spent 12 months in the Pacific, traveling as far as Leyte.

"His son, Robert, a signalman in the Navy, is stationed in the Pacific theatre. While off Pearl Harbor, a naval craft approached the tanker. Gerecke said:

"I took a stab in the dark and asked our signalman to find out if my son was aboard. He was on duty at the time and received my message through the blinker system. He was outward bound.'

"Gerecke holds the rank of Commander in the U.S. Maritime Service and was a lieutenant in the Navy during the last war.

"Although his ship ploughed through dangerous waters, he said:

"Our only contact with the enemy came when we sighted four Japs in a launch at Palua. We were traveling in convoy at the time, and we were ordered to stand by the launch until a naval escort vessel arrived and took them aboard. Later we learned that the Japs had deserted from the army, fleeing Palua in the open boat.'

"Gerecke, who is 50, joined the Merchant Marine in September, 1942,

and saw service in the Atlantic and Mediterranean before going to the Pacific.

"Employed by the Staten Island ferry from 1927 to 1937, he was chief engineer of the Municipal Building in Brooklyn when he entered his wartime service.

"After a brief leave Gerecke plans to ship out again."

FRANCIS D. MCAULIFFE, '36, was discharged from the Marine Corps last October, at San Diego, California. He returned to Boston, married, and is now attending the Winslow Secretarial School, preparing himself for a business career. He lives at 21 John A. Andrews St., Jamaica Plain, Mass., and would be happy to hear from his F.T.S. schoolday associates.

NORMAN WYATT, '16, has resumed work with the Sears Roebuck Company, having been recently discharged from the U. S. M. C.

A radio introduction to the forthcoming concerts of the Boston Symphony Orchestra is given regularly on station WCOP by Cyrus W. Durgin, '21, music critic of the Boston Globe.

Plans are being made to make the May meeting of the Association one well worth attending. Date and time to be announced.

Any news of graduates or former pupils of the School will be appreciated. This page is reserved exclusively for such items.



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Special Announcement to Our Friends

On Sunday afternoon, April 28, our Band will give a concert in the historic Faneuil Hall in Boston. It would please us very much to have a large audience. This is the tenth year that our annual spring concert has been presented in Faneuil Hall and each of the concerts has been enthusiastically received by an ever-increasing audience.

Admission to the concert is by admission card only, and we will be glad to send as many invitations as can be used.

The concert, which will begin at two o'clock promptly, will include a variety of compositions which we are confident will please everyone.

We are tremendously interested in getting a large audience to hear this concert. However in financing it, and the band trips to the Massachusetts School Music Festival, and the New England Music Festival, held in May, we would appreciate any fifty cent donations sent to us.

We hope that it will be possible for you to attend this concert, and that we shall hear from you soon in regard to the number of admission cards which you would like.

The time and place: Sunday, 2:00 P. M., April 28, Faneuil Hall, Boston.

Hobbies at F. T. S.

The boys at F. T. S. have a large number and quite a variety of hobbies. One of the most popular is stamp collecting. Some boys have over 2,000 stamps in their collections. Many of the boys are busy during their spare time working on their stamp books.

Another popular hobby is collecting banners and pennants. Some boys own twenty-five of these. In some of the dormitory rooms the walls are almost all covered with many different colored ones. Most of the banners have names of colleges or cities on them.

Another popular hobby is going on beachwalks, and there are some boys who never miss a chance to go around the beach. Often souvenirs are found which the boys like to keep.

Among the older boys, working on Sloyd models is a popular hobby. In fact the Sloyd room always has at least a few boys busy on some woodworking project.

In the summer fishing is well liked by the boys, and those most interested spend their extra time at the wharf, trying to catch the largest number of fish in the season.

There are many other hobbies which are too numerous to mention, but I have named the most popular ones.

Wiley L. Bishop

A Basketball Game

A few days ago the morning and afternoon dining room boys made up two teams and played a basketball game. It was a thrilling game and the morning boys won. The boys on the winning team were: Walter Noland and Walter Roberts, forwards; Robert Dickson center; William Kellaway and James Angelos, guards. David Furbish was substitute.

The players on the losing team were: Theodore Jones and Robert Stewart, forwards; Charles Gunby, center; Harold Hill and Donald Duquet, guards. Edward McGough and Albert Roberts were substitutes.

Both teams played a hard and clean game and the score was 11-2, in favor of the morning boys.

Robert Dickson

The Class of 1945

According to our records, the members of the Class of 1945 are located as follows:

Frank N. Babick is attending school at Mount Hermon School, Mount Hermon, Mass.

Darwin C. Baird is also attending Mount Hermon School.

George H. Bruce is a student at Hollis high school, Hollis, N.H.

Gerard W. Harrington is a member of the U.S.N.R.

Chester C. McLeod is attending Whitman high school.

Henry J. Porter is enrolled at Boston English high school.

William O. Robbins is a student at Swampscott high school.

George A. Robie is a student at Lynn English high school.

Robert W. Smith is a pupil at Milton high school.

Louis A. Towne is a member of the U.S.N.R.

All of these young alumni have done

well in their new assignments, and we wish them all success and happiness. Each has paid us at least one visit since leaving our school and we have been keenly interested in their progress.

My Stamp Collection

I have a large stamp collection, and have stamps from many different countries including Brazil, Libya, Hungary, France, Germany, Switzerland, Netherlands and Poland. I have many stamps which are uncanceled, that is, not used. I think that I have about three hundred of these.

I have more German stamps than any other, but the ones I like the most are stamps from Spain and Libya. My most valuable stamps are three uncanceled Libyan ones. One is red, another green and the third orange in color.

I spend my spare time working on my stamp collection and enjoy it very much.

Thurmond Hood, Jr.

Dairy Room

The boys who milk twice a day have turns at working in the dairy room. This job is done at 5:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. We first put the milk into the separator. Then we wash the floor and clean the pails and separator bowl. Then the milk pails and cans are sterilized by steaming. This finishes our job.

George S. Keyes

Classroom Work

I am in the sixth grade, and at present we are having term tests in different subjects. The subjects we study are arithmetic, English, spelling, history, and geography. In arithmetic we are learning about decimals. My favorite subject is geography, and we are learning all about the United States.

Edward R. McGough

Cow Barn Work

My roommate, William Bunting and I take care of the cow barn every morning. We begin at 7:30 by wheeling out the manure and then clean the cows. Then we put down fresh bedding. Next we get ensilage and grain that is needed. After this we sweep the barn thoroughly and our cow barn work is finished. This takes until 9:30. Sometimes we do extra work such as cleaning calf pens.

On the whole, I like working in the cow barn.

Maurice E. McAllister

Our Basketball Team

During this basketball season I was on the Beechnuts team, and Peter Finnegan was captain. We played a game each week for ten weeks, and won six of the games. We finished in third place. The best players on our team were Peter Finnegan, Leslie Gilmore and Nelson Stearns. Everybody had a lot of fun playing basketball this year.

Ernest D. Cornish

Memory Verses

Each Sunday morning we have Sunday School and each of us is asked to have a Bible verse memorized. Our minister, Mr. Large, keeps a score of those who know the verse. The boys are on one of the two teams and those on the team which has the highest score in May will have a party.

Albert C. Roberts

Hiking Around the Beach

This morning, after we were excused from our school examinations, Lauriston Crockett and I decided to go for a hike around the beach. We went down Front Avenue, talking about the things we might see, or find.

When we got to the wharf we began going around north end. The first thing we noticed were busy little tugs steaming

out of the harbor towing great barges, which were probably filled with a cargo for a southern port. Super airliners passed overhead flying to and from Logan airport.

At one place we climbed to get a view of the whole island. From north end almost all of the island can be seen.

We went to the north-eastern tip of the island and looked across to the docks where five large ships are tied up at Spectacle island.

Then we came along the east beach until we came to the dike. We found a good plank to use on the running track, and brought it along.

When we returned to the dormitories it was time for dinner. We had a very pleasant forenoon.

David P. Finnegan

My Work

I work in the dining room each day, and report directly after dinner. I wash the glasses, silverware and dishes. Before supper I report to my instructor again to see if there are any odd jobs that need to be done. About ten minutes before supper time I help put the hot serving dishes on the tables. Directly after supper I help get the dishes done and the dining room set up with breakfast dishes.

Charles E. Gunby

Sloyd

I began taking Sloyd last September. First I had some lessons in Mechanical Drawing which I liked very much. Then we made some simple models using only the knife and plane. Now we are making models such as the pen tray, paper knife and coat hanger. These take a lot of effort and patience. I've learned how to do lathe work, and I've turned a bowl and file handle. I am making a lamp now, and when it is finished it will be my most prized possession.

George H. O'Neil

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This is the time of year when "New Year's" ought to be. Nature makes it that way. Sap begins to run following a winter of rest. Buds and pussy willows burst out new and fresh. Jonquils are rushing out in all their beauty and freshness. The grass becomes a rich green following a season of drab brown. The birds appear, enthusiastic and eager. We are awakened at daybreak by their varied musical calls. Even the sun and the moon seem to shine more brightly and colorful.

People seem to take on a new lease of life at this time of year. Winter frowns appear to be replaced by smiles, good cheer and a happiness stimulated by spring vim and vigor.

Does it just "happen" that spring-time is Easter-time? Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Is this a coincidence? Or was it planned that way? Did God make these things a part of His master plan? Can we as individuals afford not to get in tune with Him and His plan? If each one of us would strive to learn and follow his precepts would that not solve our world problems?

Whether it is Stalin sending his troops into Iran or wars, crime, strikes, family disharmony, fights, robberies, or other man-made sorrows they all are generated from that all-too-common human fault, "I want this for me and mine and I'll get it regardless of anyone else." Silly, isn't it? That is not the Christian way of life and we get hurt by our own selfish greed and stupidity.

Let's take inventory and start fresh with this Easter season, put "Service above self" and get into tune with God's plan!

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Topics in Brief

The Alumni Association, through the Richard Bell Fund, gave each of us at the School a Washington's birthday remembrance of a box of chocolates, for which we are very appreciative.

The annual Gordon College game was played on March 19, and our boys lost decisively to the college five. The Gordon delegation was very much interested in our school, and enjoyed visiting about the campus as time permitted.

March was a busy month, and everyone was busy with spring work. The lawns and grounds about the buildings have been given much attention and the weather during most of the month was ideal for our work.

Our paint shop crew has been busy in the Main Building, and much cleaning, painting and minor repairs done.

We thank Daniel E. Smith, '21, for his gift of materials for use in our Sloyd room, which he delivered to us on March 16.

The basketball team played at Cohasset on the evening of March 8. Both our first and second teams lost to the Cohasset high school boys. The trip was very enjoyable, and the games well played even though F.T.S. was on the short end of the score.

The Sears league finished its games on March 12, when the Lions, captained by Sheridan Higgins won the championship. In the Junior, or Nut league, the Chestnuts, captained by Arthur Powers were the 1946 victors. The season this year was of great interest, and over fifty games were played.

The story of Johnny Appleseed was enacted by the eighth graders on March

11. This was the interesting account of the man who derived great pleasure from planting apple seeds at each new frontier to which he traveled, so that settlers could have the fruit and shade which the trees provided. There were also musical selections.

On March 4 the Freshmen Class gave a program based on the radio play "Truth or Consequences." This gave us many humorous moments.

The Wolves, a basketball team from the Boston Y.M.C.A., were our guests on March 16. Our boys added another victory to their list and the visitors, although outclassed, played gamely.

We are in a favorable position to notice many changes in harbor installations. At present the work of building the great Logan International Airport is under way, and we notice the dredgers and large pumpers which are moving thousands of tons of "fill" from the ocean bottom to the airport. Governor's Island too, is being "razed" for the purpose. Perhaps "razed" is not the proper word, but certainly much that was visible has disappeared, all for the purpose of giving New England a first class airport.

Spectacle Island has lost its "bridge", as this area has been completely filled in. Docks have been installed which are capable of accomodating rather large vessels.

A view towards the south, and towards the north shows what can be accomplished in a few short years. Installations during the past five years have been tremendous.

The winter term of school ended on March 22, and the boys enjoyed a week of recreation. Some enjoyed a few days at home. The spring, and final term of the school year began on April 1.

William Warren Fish

It is with deep sorrow that we state that William Warren Fish, '34 gave his life in action on March 19, 1945 when the aircraft carrier "Franklin" was under severe attack off the shores of Japan.

He was a student at our school five years and was extremely popular with teachers and fellow students alike. He took an active part in all phases of school life, being drum major of the Band and participating in all athletics. After graduating in June 1934, he returned to us as Night Supervisor for a period of one year.

He then worked for the Eastern Massachusetts Railway Company, and in 1942 enlisted in the Navy. He was a member of the original crew of the "Franklin".

On June 20, 1943 he married Miss Dorothy E. Crosby.

A Memorial Service was conducted at the First Baptist Church of Whitman by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Headmaster and Mrs. Meacham, Thomas E. Killeen, '34, Elvin C. Bean, '36 and Donald E. Griswold, '41, were present.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

Calendar 90 Years Ago March, 1856

As kept by the Superintendent

7. Mr. Duncan from Acworth, N. H. came over to see his nephew.

15. Mr. J. Stuart, former workman here, came and spent the night, engaged himself to work with Mr. Morse the ensuing season.

Horatio N. Williams admitted.

21. Francis J. Adolphus came to see his brother.

22. Admitted John A. Marshall.

24. Went to Portsmouth, N.H. and returned the next day.

25. George W. Finch, a graduate of the school, made us a visit and left the next day.

26. Mr. S. E. French of North Hampton, N. H. a former teacher of this school came, spent the night, and took home with him, on Thursday, Robert Parrott to live with himself and Charles Ogden to live with George D. Dow of the same place.

29. Received a visit from Hervey F. Brown of Phillip's Academy, Exeter, N. H., and Hugh J. Flynn of New York, former members of this school; also from Robert Shillaber of Portsmouth, N. H., and John Shillaber of Boston.

31. James William White admitted; born in Boston Dec. 22, 1847.

More News of the Men in Service

PAUL L. HAMILTON, '33, who is a Metalsmith first class in the U. S. N. R. writes that he hopes that soon he will be ordered to the separation center at Jacksonville, Florida. He has been in the service for nearly a year, and is anxious to be back with his family. He has just completed a long cruise which he enjoyed thoroughly.

ROBERT J. ENGLISH, '38 has been in Japan for the past several months. He is a member of the U.S.N. He looks forward to the time when he will be ordered back to California.

The Jester's Comments

—John Sheridan Higgins amazed the medics recently when he complained that a tooth was aching. "Yes", he said, "my false tooth hurts, day and night." It so happens that Sheridan has an artificial tooth, but he is becoming slowly convinced that the tooth did not ache. Whatever the trouble, a trip to the dentist remedied it. Whoever heard of an artificial tooth aching?

News of the Service Men of The Farm and Trades School

We like to have you graduates in the armed forces consider the BEACON as a letter from home. We are glad to send it, for we know it is appreciated. This page is reserved especially for you. Please advise us of changes in rank, address, and news of yourselves.

LOUIS A. TOWNE, '45 of the U. S. N. R. was a recent visitor. He has been in the service for one year, and is on the U. S. S. Fargo. When this ship was commissioned he had as his guest Dr. John B. Cook, our former principal. This graduate expects to visit European ports this summer.

WALTER J. ROSS, '44, is having an interesting time in the Philippines. He has been a sergeant for some weeks now.

THEODORE J. MARA, '44, we hear from his mother, is finding Naval life to his liking. He has been in the U. S. N. R. for some time.

JOHN PATTERSON, '43 has been in the paratroops for some time and has sent many souvenirs to his younger brother, Robert, a student here. His certificates for proficiency in the service have been framed and hung in his younger brother's room.

HAROLD B. DELORIE, '35, and his brother WILLIAM D. DELORIE, '37, we are pleased to report, have received their military discharges. They are at home in Wellesley Hills and intend to remain there permanently. Both served in the European theatre.

DONALD F. GRISWOLD, '41 is out of the service and resumed his civilian pursuits. He stopped at the boat landing recently to say "Hello" to his F.T.S. friends.

ROBERT C. JONES, our former agricultural teacher, is on terminal leave and will soon begin teaching at a Maine high school.

CHARLES A. PECCE, '40, and ROBERT L. PECCE, '41, have been discharged from the military service and are at home. Both have enlisted in the Massachusetts State Guard, and are members of a band, of which our bandmaster, Captain Frank L. Warren, is director.

RALPH W. PACE, '45 is in the Navy and is stationed on the West coast. He is a frequent correspondent.

DAVID G. HAEGER, '42 has been in Europe for the past three months and has been in some of the principal cities of Europe. He writes interestingly of Rome, Berlin and Prague. He is in the Finance department of the U. S. Army.

MURDOCK C. MOORE, '39, who recently resigned from the Maritime service has resumed his pre-war vocation as a printer, working in a Boston printing office. His home address is 4379 Washington St., Roslindale, Mass.

AXEL R. HALLBERG, '40, writes that he is to make his home permanently on the West coast. As reported before in these columns, he is married. He joined the Navy before Pearl Harbor and is completing an enlistment term.

DONALD W. LOWERY, '41 is stationed at a Naval base in Porto Rico. It will not be long before his enlistment period is up, and he is considering enlisting for another period.

We will appreciate hearing of changes in status of those in the armed services. In fact any news of the alumni will be appreciated.

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Your secretary announces the Alumni Association committees for the new year, together with a list of the elected officers. Kindly save this list for reference.

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Will Frank Davis, '79, sent us a quantity of the latest issues of the "Rural New Yorker". We thank him for his kindness, and this splendid agricultural journal has been put to good use here. Mr. Davis, who now resides at 16 Club Way, Hartsdale, N. Y. has always maintained a deep interest in the School and has been ever-ready to be of service to his beloved Alma Mater.